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JOY AS PARCEL FIRM DELIVERS JOBS BOOST

by David Lumb

PLANS by parcel giant DPD for a £175 million expansion including an extra depot at its Smethwick headquarters have been welcomed.

Warley MP John Spellar said: "The company, workforce, trade union Unite and Sandwell Council have worked well together to ensure this new investment and new job opportunities."

The company wants to create a £100m sorting hub in the East Midlands, one of the largest of its kind in Europe.

DPD also wants to spend £12m on building 10 new depots over the next 15 months and £8m on upgrading the existing 40 depots.

One of the new depots will be at the company's headquarters off Roebuck Lane, Smethwick.

DPD's plans will create 1,500 full-time jobs across the country.

In addition, £35m will be spent on the replacement of all the handheld devices used by drivers to find the best delivery routes and on investment in security and IT upgrades.

Delighted

The news comes after parent firm GeoPost UK unveiled plans for a £20m upgrade of the Roebuck Lane site.

This project alone will create 250 jobs and allow the firm to handle 150,000 extra packages a night.

DPD chief executive Dwain McDonald said: "I'm delighted to announce this very significant investment in new jobs and infrastructure. DPD has been expanding year on year and is now the fastest growing major carrier in the UK.

"This investment will allow us to expand our network capacity further to meet demands from our customers and maintain our service standards."

Bosses are looking at sites in Rugby and Leicester for the new sorting hub.

The work is to meet growing demand from the online retail boom and comes on the back of the success of the Predict service, which provides customers with a one-hour delivery window so they do not have to wait in all day.

Neighbours' cars ruined in acid attack

Davinder Singh and the corroded body work of his Proton

Maureen Bourne 'gutted' to see the paint on her Vauxhall stripped off

Sukjinder Singh, angry at the damage done to his cars

by Naomi Dunning

VANDALS attacked cars with acid on a residential street in West Bromwich, stripping the paintwork back to the metal and causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Horrified residents in Francis Ward Close, Hill Top, woke on Monday to find their cars, which had all been parked on their drives overnight, had been targeted.

The acid had been poured on the roofs, bonnets and doors of seven cars. Police are investigating the attack.

Maureen Bourne, aged 59, discovered her Vauxhall Astra had been damaged at around 5am, when her husband left the house for work.

The mother-of-two said: "At first we thought it was ice, but when we looked closer we could see the paint had been completely stripped off.

"I am so angry that someone would do this, we are gutted."

Sukjinder Singh, a fish and chip shop owner, has only had his Audi TDI since July, and was angry to see the paintwork on its roof and boot streaked with corrosive marks.

He said: "I'm not happy to say the least. It's not nice to open your door first thing in the morning and see something like that has happened to your car."

Mr Singh, a father-of-two, suffered twice as his Ford Focus was also damaged around its boot and indicators.

Diamond Bus driver Davinder Singh, aged 59, was greeted by the sight of damage to the rear, left passenger window on his three-year-old Proton Impian.

The father-of-two said: "It's certainly not a nice way for me to start my time off."

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We got the first call at 7.10am from someone who said their car had paint stripper on it.

"We are aware of seven cars that have been damaged. Officers are at the scene and we are looking into it."

Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Kidnap man may spend life in prison

Michael Jackson

A PREDATORY paedophile who kidnapped two children in Oldbury has been told he may spend the rest of his life in prison.

Michael Jackson, 50, was given an indefinite jail term for snatching a girl and a boy in separate attacks and told he would not be released until he was no longer a danger to the public.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard he abducted and assaulted a boy aged 10 and left him tied up in his ground floor flat in Bristnall Hall Road, but the boy managed to escape and call for help. After Jackson was arrested a second victim, a girl of the same age, came forward.

He had lured her to his home, tied her up and taken photographs of her. He said he would give her £5 if she did not tell her mother.

Jackson, who John Attwood, defending, said had been abused as a child, admitted kidnap, intent to commit a sexual offence, a sexual assault, child abduction and false imprisonment. He was ordered to sign the sex offenders register for life.

Mayor opens underpass

SANDWELL'S mayor, Councillor Keith Davies, was at the head of a convoy using the £25m A41 underpass in West Bromwich for the first time on Monday.

The new underpass will speed up traffic between the town and junction one of the M5. By easing congestion it should also make bus services more reliable.

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Man, 30, jailed for fire bomb attempt

A MAN who tried to firebomb a West Bromwich shop after being refused service because he appeared drunk has been jailed for six-and-a-half years.

Darren Hall said "I'll be back" when ushered away from Ashish News by owner Arpeet Patel,Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Hall, 30, of Broomfield Crescent, Wednesbury, made a petrol bomb, said prosecutor Laura Hobson.

He returned to light it and throw it at the Carters Green store after attracting the attention of the owner by knocking on the window.

But Mr Patel had time to close the door and the plastic bottle bounced off the glass, creating a fireball on the pavement. Mr Patel managed to put it out, said Miss Hobson.

Hall, who had been freed from jail seven months earlier, was recognised by police on CCTV. He denied attacking the shop and told police he bought fuel for the motorcycle of a friend.

But while he was in custody a search of his cell discovered a mobile phone from which he had sent text messages to friends admitting to the fire-bombing.

Hall, who was on licence from prison at the time of the February 29 attack, pleaded guilty to attempted arson while reckless as to whether life was endangered.

Firm plans to expand

EIGHTEEN new jobs could be created at a cook and bakeware company in West Bromwich, under new expansion plans.

Pargat Housewares Ltd wants to create extra office and storage space at its base in Birmingham Road. Bosses said the work would allow the company to expand.

A planning application submitted to Sandwell Council says the firm employs 80 full-time workers and that the project would create 18 jobs.

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Contractor stole cabling from Metro

A CONTRACTOR who stole overhead cabling from the Midlands Metro and sold it for more than £1,000 has been given a 12-week suspended sentence and ordered to do 120 hours' community work.

John Thomas was working for Morgan Sindall and had been employed by transport authority Centro for engineering work at the Wednesbury depot. He said at the end of his contract, a "blind eye" was turned and he admitted taking the wire to his Crewe home.

He pleaded guilty to theft and brothers Mark and Gary Talbot admitted helping him sell the stolen goods to a scrap dealer on August 20, for £100 each.

The Talbots were each given 12-month community orders and 120 hours of community work each.

The three were ordered to pay £85 court costs and compensation of £360 each.

Kelly Crowe, prosecuting, told Sandwell magistrates said the theft was a breach of trust.

Harmail Gill, defending Thomas, said the 50-year-old, of Hungerford Avenue, Crewe, believed he had permission to take the cabling. He said: "A blind eye was turned to the fact it was taken, an unspoken agreement. The first time he knew it was not as he thought was when he was arrested."

Arvind Sharma, defending Gary Talbot, 50, of Sydney Road, and Mark Talbot, 49, of Gainsborough Road, both Crewe, said: "They did find a scrap dealer but they only had a cut of £100 each before giving the rest back to Mr Thomas."

Council's longer hours experiment proves a hit

ABOUT 400 people have taken advantage of a pilot scheme in which Sandwell's council offices open later and on Saturdays.

The scheme, believed to be the first of its type in the region, started on October 6. The new hours are designed to give residents more flexibility in paying bills. A six-month trial is taking place and if successful, hours could be extended even further.

As part of the trial the council's offices in the Council House in Oldbury are open 10am-1pm on Saturdays.

It is being staffed by existing employees and funded from existing resources.

Sandwell Council deputy leader and cabinet member for service improvement, Councillor Mahboob Hussain said: "The longer opening hours are proving to be extremely popular with residents who may have found it difficult to get to the council house during normal working hours.

"In the short time it has been operating around 400 people have taken advantage of it – more than we had expected.

"The most popular services are revenue and benefits and cashiers."

Payment

A consultation on the plans was launched earlier this year, with residents asked what hours would suit them.

The council already offers a range of services online so that residents can pay their council tax, report a pothole or request a bulky waste collection 24 hours a day.

The council's One Stop Shop at the Council House, in Freeth Street, Oldbury, is open from 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 5pm on Fridays.

It offers a range of services, from payment of council tax, to dealing with benefits.

Other Sandwell Council services already available outside normal office hours include seven-days-a-week burials and cremations.

Deprived areas get services

COMMUNITY organisations are providing key services in highly deprived areas of Sandwell, showing tremendous resilience in the face of challenges, a report has claimed.

"Building Community Resilience in areas of high deprivation" is a report produced by The Centre for Society Building, drawing on research undertaken in Sandwell earlier this year.

Community organisations are adding to residents' quality of life, the report says.

Analysts add that groups continue to respond proactively and robustly to challenges they face, and by using energy drawn from within the community they are playing an important contribution in addressing problems.

However, says the report, challenges looming in the future include financial threats which should be tackled with a strategic business approach, influencing public policy and long-term society developments, which can be met by engaging a wide pool of folk.

Classic staged for Christmas

Actor Paul Murdock gets into character as Scrooge for the festive production

A DRAMA group is ushering in the festive season with performances of Charles Dickens's ghostly yuletide classic A Christmas Carol.

Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society, known as Chaos, is staging the show at Brierley Hill Civic Hall until Saturday.

It is a musical version of the well-known tale and all performances begin at 7.30pm. And to soak up a little Victorian atmosphere before his role as the miserly Scrooge, actor Paul Murdock paid a visit to an appropriately named antiques shop in Kidderminster.

The 49-year-old, from Wall Heath stopped by the Marley's Ghost shop, in Comberton Hill, for a chat with owner William Arris.

Tickets are £12 and £13 and are available by calling the 0121 585 7380. The show marks Dickens' 200th birthday.

Casino's licence on the agenda

A MEETING to discuss the gambling licence at the centre of a proposed £6 million casino was being held today (Thursday).

The proposed venue, in Oldbury, would create 120 jobs but the scheme is in jeopardy after a High Court judge ruled that a gambling licence should not have been issued for the premises.

Grosvenor Casinos Ltd, which runs Mecca Bingo in Halesowen Street, Oldbury, was given council permission to transfer an unused casino licence to other premises. The licence was moved to premises at Birchley Island where the new venture is planned. But, following a legal challenge by rival casino operator, Clockfair Ltd, High Court judge Mr Justice Lloyd Jones said Sandwell Council should not have granted the casino licence in the first place.

The judge said it was "clear policy" that premises should not have more than one licence at a time. As there was already a bingo licence in place at Mecca, the casino licence should not have been issued. He said the council must now reconsider an application by Clockfair Ltd to revoke the casino licence.

Two firms in the race for link-up

TWO private firms are now vying to partner children's services at Sandwell Council.

The authority has whittled down applications to two, after advertising for a private-sector partner. The winner could be paid up to £900,000 over three years.

The authority's plan to put money into the service was drawn up after director Barbara Peacock, who pulled the department up to an adequate Ofsted rating, left last month.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, the borough's head of service improvement, was due to hear an update on the tender process at a private meeting this week.

Council bosses say the involvement of the private sector will build on improvements made within the services by in-house staff.

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Plan to expand mosque launched

A WEST Bromwich mosque will expand under proposals submitted to planning chiefs at Sandwell Council.

Leaders at the Madinatul Uloom Al-Islamiyah Mosque, in Moor Street, have applied to the council to extend the front of the premises.

A planning report said the scheme includes a new entrance lobby, a new disabled toilet and shower room. The costs of the proposals are not yet known.

Harborne-based Ian G Humphrey Chartered Surveyors say the scheme would match the existing building.

If approved, it would be the second boost for the mosque this year.

In January, leaders had approval to create 25 car parking spaces, to cut down on on-street parking blocking roads nearby for residents.

Mosque leaders applied after councillors were lobbied about parking problems on nearby Turks Head Way.

The new police station, in Moor Street, has also added to congestion.

An extra 22 parking spaces have now been created at the mosque as well as three disabled spaces, leaving total of 39 bays.

Help for Luke with legal fight

MURDER suspect Luke Walker, who is at home in the Black Country on bail, will attend an event organised by well-wishers to raise money towards paying for the fight to clear his name.

A disco, at Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, on November 30, was originally intended to be a celebration.

It was thought that by then, he would cleared by a Greek court.

But the trial was halted on its first day, two weeks ago, after key prosecution witnesses were not called – so he still has to prove he is innocent of killing his girlfriend, Chelsea Hyndman, 20, in Crete.

Luke, 24, of Brierley Hill, was allowed to go home after the proceedings were put on hold.

Ex-boxer jailed for killing man in fight

Peter Nightingale

Darren Jones

A FORMER professional boxer was jailed for eight years after being found guilty of killing a father in a pub fight in West Bromwich.

A jury convicted Peter Nightingale of the manslaughter of father-of-eight Darren Jones at Greets Green Social Club, but acquitted him of murder.

Nightingale, aged 43, showed no emotion as the verdicts were read out at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week. But they were greeted by cheers from family members outside the courtroom, who had been unable to get into the packed public gallery.

The trial heard that trouble at Greets Green Social Club flared at around 8pm on February 26. People saw two fights just minutes apart between Nightingale and Mr Jones in the lounge of the pub in Whitehall Road during a disco.

The prosecution said Nightingale used his "considerable skills" as a former professional fighter during the fights with Mr Jones. The court heard how the ex-boxer punched and kicked Mr Jones repeatedly after he had fallen to the floor and lay unconscious.

The prosecution said he then took a taxi to The Tilted Barrel pub in Princes End.

The defence insisted it was 42-year-old Mr Jones who hit Nightingale first, and said only one of the defendant's punches connected.

The court heard how after returning to his home in South Road, Tipton, Nightingale washed his trousers to hide evidence.

Speaking after the hearing yesterday, Mr Jones's family paid tribute to him.

They said: "Darren's death has left our family devastated beyond words.

"Children have been robbed of a loving father and grandfather and their lives will never be the same."

Teacher faces court after dog bit boy, 12, in street

A TEACHER from Tipton has admitted being in charge of a dog that was dangerously out of control, and bit a boy aged 12.

Gurdeep Purewal was walking her German shepherd on a lead when it jumped up and bit the boy on the chest.

Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting, told Sandwell Magistrates' Court that Purewal was walking her dog along St Martin's Drive in Tipton with her two children on April 16 at around 8pm, when the attack happened.

The child was walking with his brother, when they squeezed past on the pavement.

Mr Dann said: "As they went past the dog leapt up on the child's left side, and put his paws on his chest. He bit him on the chest and underneath the arm."

Mr Dann told the court that Purewal asked the child whether he was all right, but he just walked away. She later told the police she did not think the boy had been bitten.

The youngster was left with two puncture wounds on his chest, and his jacket was ripped. He had to go to a doctor and for treatment and antibiotics.

Sideways

The court heard that the dog was seized by police on June 29.

Jason Georgiou, defending, told the court that the 10-year-old dog was a much-loved family pet and had not bitten anyone before.

He said: "It seems as they squeezed past, the boy lifted his arms whilst walking sideways and this caused the dog to get excited and jump up."

He added: "Mrs Purewal had not been made aware there was a bite."

He said the pregnant mother of two, who is working as a supply teacher, had no previous convictions, and he said that a conviction would affect her prospects of gaining employment.

The 36-year-old pleaded guilty to being in charge of a dog which was dangerously out of control in a public place and caused injury.

Mgistrates decided to adjourn the case for reports to be made on both the dog and the defendant.

Purewal, of Cory Croft, will be sentenced on December 3.

Town's revamp creates apprenticeships

Sean Delaney of Vinci Construction, Councillor Derek Rowley, Ed Cox, the council's youth employment and apprenticeship adviser with Luke Candelent, Aron Furey, Chris Freeman, Daniel Fowkes, Daniel Rickerby, Sherelle Priest, Clive Brecknell and Elliot Shelton

SCORES of apprenticeships have been created with the building of the £200 million New Square shopping and leisure development in West Bromwich.

Sandwell Council, Tesco and construction contractors Vinci Construction UK are providing 14 apprenticeship places during the construction process, so students can get experience.

The programme, which is part of the council's Think Local initiative, includes a range of placements for apprentice bricklayers, ground workers, an assistant engineer and an office administrator.

Electrical and plumbing placements are also being planned in during the course of the project.

They will last a minimum of 12 weeks and provide increased opportunities for the apprentices to gain access to long-term employment.

Richard Barrell, project manager for Tesco said: "We have worked closely with Sandwell to make the project a success in the total regeneration of the town, and this includes looking where we can for job opportunities for local people before and after the scheme opens."

New Square will create 2,000 new full and part-time jobs for the area when the scheme opens in 2013.

Sean Delaney, senior project manager at Vinci Construction UK, Building North added: "We hope the apprentices will have learnt more than just their skills, and have a good understanding of the many facets of a major scheme."

Sandwell's jobs boss Councillor Derek Rowley added: "The whole New Square scheme is already providing an enormous boost."

NEWS in brief

Volunteers roll up sleeves for centre

VOLUNTEERS from Npower's offices in Oldbury rolled up their sleeves to help at a centre for people with learning difficulties.

Eleven volunteers visited Newlands Bishop Farm in Solihull as part of the company's community programme and helped with gardening, painting and paving.

One volunteer, Gavin Horsfall, said: "They do great work. There is always something that needs to be done."

Inquest on death of widow opened

AN inquest has been opened and adjourned into the death of a widow found collapsed at her home in Sandwell.

Betty Jones, aged 73, was taken to Sandwell Hospital after being discovered at her address in Tividale, on October 29.

The inquest was opened at Smethwick Coroners Court last week.

Coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the inquest for more reports.

Police step up cycle patrols

CYCLING police officers will monitor problems in a part of Smethwick following complaints from residents about anti-social behaviour.

Officers have had reports of hand rails being damaged and youths making noise in Addenbrooke Road. Police have increased their cycle patrols in the area.

Any youths gathering there will be advised about their behaviour.

Dumped tyres are set on fire

A PILE of 50 dumped tyres were set on fire in Wednesbury.

The blaze was in Bull Lane last week. The tyres were well alight when firefighters arrived and it took 45 minutes to bring the flames under control.

Two people were seen fleeing the scene along the bank of the nearby Ridgacre Canal.

Contest entries

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

A READER writes: "If convicts in British jails are allowed to vote, will they be able to vote for police commissioners?"

AND talking of jail, did we all notice in Downton Abbey (ITV) that Mr Bates was as fit as a flea in the exercise yard at York Prison but limped and used a walking stick when he was set free? Very dodgy.

OWN up. As a fungal infection threatens to wipe out Britain's ash trees, how many of us can actually identify an ash tree?

OUR changing language. An American forecaster, describing the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, referred to deep flooding as "multi-feet inundation."

WE may not think much of weather forecasters but consider this. Superstorm Sandy struck a population of 50 million Americans who had been given several days' warning. About 60 fatalities have been reported. In the days before weather forecasting, the Great Storm of November 1703 ripped across an unprepared England with a population of just five million. In the space of 24 hours it killed 8,000 people.

HOW computers work. I bought a pair of boots on eBay. The next day, I logged on to find that eBay had already selected items I might be interested in buying, namely three more pairs of boots. Computers don't understand that when you have bought a pair of boots, the last thing you are likely to want is another pair of boots. I was actually looking for a vegetable rack. Geeks are always talking about artificial intelligence, as though it is just around the corner. When they develop a computer program that can make the connection between boots and a vegetable rack, that will be the time to start worrying.

TWO developments on the burglary front deserve watching. The first is the Government announcing open season on burglars caught red-handed. Check the small print carefully, but the new guidelines seem to suggest we can whack them very hard indeed. The second development is the news this week that half of all burglars, including many with more than 12 convictions, are given fines or community service rather than jail. How long will it be before a householder batters a burglar to death and the dead man's family sue the judge for giving the burglar his liberty, and thus allowing him to carry on robbing, instead of locking him safely up in prison?

THE Duchess of Cornwall has apparently booked into a "holistic health centre" in southern India for a regime of "spiritually healing" ayurvedic massages. She is dabbling in what some people call alternative medicine, some call complementary medicine and others call complete cobblers. One of the most outspoken sceptics was Nigella Lawson's first husband, the late, great columnist John Diamond. When he found himself dying of a particularly cruel form of cancer in the late 1990s, Diamond investigated some of the alternatives to Western medicine and concluded that West was best. From beyond the grave, Diamond has this massage for Camilla: "It's easy for the well-fed metropolitan with time and money on his hands to talk about dealing with his chronic symptoms with ayurvedic medicine or Chinese herbal therapies . . . but if you go to the countries where those remedies are all they have, you'll find them crying out for good old Western antibiotics, painkillers and all the rest of the modern and expensive pharmacopoeia."

INCIDENTALLY, the Duchess is said to be "taking a break". From what?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Facelift for fountain on way to new home

PLANS have been submitted to dismantle and restore an historic Grade-II listed fountain that will be moved to a new home in West Bromwich.

The Farley Fountain, which is now in High Street, will be dismantled for the town centre improvements which are taking place and relocated to just outside Dartmouth Park.

Before being rebuilt at the park's entrance it will be restorated and repainted.

The fountain will then be rebuilt outside the park, close to the new entrance on Reform Street.

Council bosses want to put the landmark on a grass mound at the site.

A planning application for listed building consent to carry out the work has now been submitted to Sandwell Council.

The fountain dates back to 1885 and was constructed as a decorative cast-iron drinking fountain with an ornate canopy above.

It was commissioned and funded by Alderman Reuben Farley – who was the first Mayor of West Bromwich – in memory of his mother Elizabeth.

A smaller version of the fountain can be found in Victoria Park in Tipton.

Money to fund the work would come from money being spent on the £4.1 million project that is being carried out in the West Bromwich.

The Farley Fountain

Man, 27, jailed for machete assault

A VIGILANTE who was "bent on revenge" armed himself with a 2.5ft machete and went on the hunt for a man who had knocked down his girlfriend in a car, a court heard. Ryan Pressdee took a group of friends with him, it was heard.

Pressdee, aged 27, of Pheoenix Rise, Wednesbury, led the attack at a house in Latches Close, Darlaston, and the weapon was held to the throat of a man inside the property.

Just minutes before, Pressdee's partner had been knocked down by a man driving a car in the same street, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Prosecutor Justin Jarmola told last week's hearing that the crash happened on February 26 last year. The victim suffered minor injuries and an ambulance was called, Mr Jarmola explained.

Defence barrister Oliver Woolhouse said his client was a hard-working man who had acted in a manner which was "very much out of character".

Sentencing Pressdee to 16 months in prison, Recorder Peter Cooke said: "For anyone brandishing a large machete in the street while bent on revenge, an immediate and substantial period of custody must follow."

Failed British Legion club to go on market

A LANDMARK British Legion club which was forced to close 12 months ago because it could not cover its rent, is going up for sale.

The Blackheath British Legion Memorial Club, closed after 90 years of service. Dwindling numbers at the Powke Lane club meant staff could not cover payments to the national British Legion office and members voted for it to cease trading. Now the plan is to sell its freehold.

Branch secretary Wayne Parkes said: "It's sad to see it is up for sale definitely.

"It's a great shame for it to be lost to the community."

The club fell victim to difficult trading conditions facing pubs and social clubs during the economic downturn, Mr Parkes said.

The British Legion branch however continues to operate and despite moving to a new home the club has continued to be a big part of the community in Blackheath.

At last year's Remembrance service it was instrumental in seeing the installation of a temporary ramp at the cenotaph at Powke Lane Cemetery allowing wheelchair users to lay wreaths for fallen heroes for the first time at the site.

Supporters

The branch said it would be reinstalled in the run-up Remembrance Day every year.

The poppy appeal is also running as normal, with boxes at nearby businesses, schools and the Merry Hill centre as in previous years.

The social club was closed last year after 90 per cent of members attended a special meeting and voted in favour of calling last orders there.

Supporters can still make representations on the plan to sell by writing to Samantha Edmunds, The Royal British Legion, 199 Borough High St, London, SE1 1AA.

Band to be at the head of parade

TIPTON'S service of remembrance and parade on November 11 will see the parade assemble on the car park of Tipton Sports and Social Club, Sedgley Road East, Tipton at 10am.

The parade will move off at 10.40am headed by the band of the 3rd West Bromwich Boys' Brigade.

It will go via Coneygre Road, Mayfair Gardens, and on to Victoria Park for a service at the cenotaph at 10.55am conducted by the Rev John R Barratt with music by the Gary Bell Ensemble

At the end of the service, the parade will re-form and proceed via Victoria Road, Coneygre Road to the car park of Tipton Sports and Social Club before refreshments are served in the club.

The annual Tipton festival of remembrance is on the same day at Brook Street Community Centre at 7.30pm.

It features Halesowen Brass Band and Coseley Male Voice Choir and the act of remembrance.

Admission will be free.

Diamond couple celebrate

Diamond couple Jean and Levi Swann celebrating their wedding anniversary

THEIR eyes met across a dance floor more than six decades ago, and now Levi and Jean Swann have celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Levi, now 81 and Jean, 77, met at a dance at Tipton Baths 61 years ago.

Mr Swann said: "I remember it as if it was now. She was dancing and she smiled at me and I smiled at her. I asked her for a dance and that was it."

Jean worked at Neweys as a zip fastener while Levi, who had just come out of the forces, was a moulder at a foundry.

They married at Wednesbury register office on October 25, 1952, and have lived in Bridge Road for 47 years.

They have four children – Jim, 58, Michael, 57, Mandy, 52 and Lee, 47, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The couple's wedding day

Town hit by pool hitches

RESIDENTS in Wednesbury will be left without a swimming pool for at least another year.

It has been revealed that a £6 million replacement for the town's leisure centre will not open before 2014. The High Bullen pool was closed 11 months ago for routine maintenance and remained closed after workers discovered it had developed "concrete cancer".

Sandwell Council is trying to fast-track its replacement.

It has emerged the construction period for a replacement will be at least 12 months, with demolition required first. Councillor Steve Eling, the borough's finance boss, said the council had cut out many possible

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£400,000 centre at school is unveiled

A £400,000 community learning centre has been opened at an Oldbury primary school.

The SinglePoint hub at Christ Church school, in Albert Street, will offer family services.

It will be run as a partnership between Christ Church, St Francis Xavier, Langley and Rood End primary schools.

The National Lottery Reaching Communities programme provided £350,000 for the scheme, with the four schools putting in £50,000.

Staff at Christ Church submitted a bid for lottery funding after consultation with families in the area.

They wanted to continue services provided under the Extended Schools scheme, which ceased due to Government funding cuts.

Eve Loveridge, community involvement manager, said: "As a team we are so proud and excited to be able to open our doors and turn the idea of SinglePoint Community Hub into a reality.

"This project will offer a safe, welcoming place where families can develop the skills they need to enjoy a full and healthy family life with a helping hand."

Sandwell's Councillor Bob Badham praised the church and school partnership.

Volunteer scoops a top prize

A VOLUNTEER at an Oldbury-based charity has won a national competition to publicise the work she does.

Francesca Zagolin, from Italy who volunteers with Options for Life, in Lodge Oak Green Way, had to produce photographs, to tell the story of her volunteering and what it means to her.

The competition was run by the British Council which manages the funding for the European Voluntary Scheme (EVS) which organised Francesca's placement.

She won first prize which will be presented to her in a ceremony in London and her entry will be on the Your Story website. Options for Life provides services for adults with learning disabilities. The charity's volunteers who work with paid staff at the service.

Historic pub is auctioned for £150,000

AN historic pub in Smethwick has been sold for £150,000 in an auction – three times what it was expected to fetch.

The new owners of the historic Waterloo Hotel have vowed to return the Grade-II listed building to its former glory.

It comes just weeks after English Heritage named the landmark pub as one of the most endangered buildings in the country.

The Edwardian pub, based on Shireland Road, Cape Hill, went under the hammer at CPBigwood's auction at Villa Park last week. Zafar Rashid and two partners in Five Rivers Investments Ltd, bought the pub which was once renowned for its beer and food.

The Perry Barr-based company plans to turn the building into a restaurant with a wine bar. They are also considering converting the upper floors into apartments.

Built as a flagship pub-hotel in 1908 for Mitchells and Butlers whose brewery was nearby, and dominating a corner site, it had a lavish Baroque front and ornate interior.

Zafar Rashid, said: "We want to preserve it and we are going to get professional advice on how best to do that. Our initial thoughts are that it becomes a bar and restaurant, perhaps with residential on the first and second floors."

Mr Rashid said once they get the keys to the building they hoped to start work within 28 days, and to reopen the venue within 12 months. He said: "We want to return it to its best. The pub has been shut for several years, and does need work, and we hope to get started as soon as we can."

CPBigwood director Ian Tudor said: "It is a sad place these days – the vandals have been at work.

"For anyone who knew it in its heyday it is a great pity. Let's hope it now gets the tender loving care it needs."

Sold – the Waterloo Hotel

Council in bid for cash to create £60,000 cycle route

A BID for cash from a £15 million Government fund is being made to create a £60,000 cycle route in Smethwick. Sandwell Council is applying for £30,000 from the fund.

The authority is applying for the cash from the Department for Transport's Cycle Safety Fund to create the route to improve safety for cyclists in the borough.

The scheme will run from the existing crossing near Galton Bridge railway station to the junction of High Street and the A4030 near Rolfe Street railway station.

If approved, the cash will be match-funded with £30,000 from Sandwell's Measures to Encourage Cycling Budget.

Sandwell's jobs and economy boss, Councillor Derek Rowley, has approved plans for council officers to submit the bid for funding.

A report which has been discussed by Councillor Rowley states that data relating to locations with particularly high concentrations of cycle accidents, and information about locations where cyclists do not feel safe, have been forwarded to local authorities by the Department for Transport.

Safer

The data for Sandwell relates to the A457 Tollhouse Way and A4252 Telford Way junction.

When invited to make the application for the fund the council could develop either a scheme that directly resolves safety problems at the location identified, or a scheme that provides a safer alternative route.

It is not proposed to carry out any physical works to the Tollhouse Way/Telford Way roundabout to improve safety because a safer alternative parallel route can be developed.

Councillor Rowley said: "We are going to convert part of the pavement into a cycle route.

"We are doing this to try and make people more mobile and get them out of cars and into a healthier lifestyle."

Coffee and cakes boost cancer charity

Some members of the Oldbury Youth Council whose efforts raised cash for the Macmillan cancer appeal

FUNDRAISERS in Sandwell worked hard to raise money for the Macmillan cancer charity.

Council staff organised a coffee morning which raised nearly £1,600. They sold cakes, and books and CDs and there were music events and poetry readings. Money was also raised at a special laughter yoga event.

The coffee morning linked in with the launch of a buddy scheme for Sandwell Council employees who have been diagnosed as having cancer.

The council has worked with Macmillan Cancer Support on the scheme, the first of its kind at a local authority in England, which aims to provide support to employees to enable them, where possible and appropriate, to continue to contribute to the workplace while having treatment.

Sandwell Council deputy leader Councillor Mahboob Hussain said: "I would like to thank everyone who supported the events."

And members of Oldbury Youth Council ran a fund-raising session in the town centre as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The young people aged 12 to 18 were supported by staff from Sandwell Council Young People's Services at Oldbury Library, Jack Judge House.

They raised £70 in under three hours for Macmillan by selling drinks and snacks.

The young people from the youth council included Vakini and Sharuni Shanmuganranjan, Patricia Williams, Shaheen Akhtar and Tanika St James. Vakini Shanmuganranjan, a youth council member, said: "Many people are affected by cancer and it's great to be able to help in a small way. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success."

Sharon Nanan-Sen, strategic lead for services for young people at Sandwell Council, said: "Many young people in Sandwell give up their evenings to work on issues and activities to help other people. To raise £70 in two and half hours for Macmillan Cancer Support is a great result."

NEWS in brief

Head has £6,000 target for 10k run

THE headteacher of a special school in Oldbury will take part in a sponsored run next year – with the aim of raising £6,000.

Gordon Phillips, principal of The Meadows Sports College in Dudley Road East, is taking part in the 10km run in Carterton, Oxfordshire, in March.

As he turns 60 next month, Mr Phillips hopes to raise £100 for every year of his life.

"We will be actively fundraising for my run in March," he said.

People interested in sponsoring Mr Phillips can call 0121 569 7080.

Woman injured in two-car crash

A WOMAN was taken to hospital with suspected spinal injuries after a crash in Cradley Heath.

The crash happened in Corngreaves Road at 9.17am last Friday.

The crash involved two vehicles and the injured woman had to be cut out of her car.

Fire crews from Cradley Heath and Brierley Hill attended.

Museum hosts festive events

FESTIVE celebrations will be taking place at the Oak House Museum in West Bromwich later this month.

Visitors can make something to take home, browse craft stalls and see the house traditionally decorated for Christmas.

It takes place on November 30 from 3.30pm to 7pm. Entrance is free. The museum is in Oak Road.

Homes added to development

MORE homes will be built on the site of a former factory in Sandwell after plans were approved. Permission was given to build 110 homes on the old Sampson Works site in Oldbury. Now a further 19 properties at the Taylor Wimpey Cedar Drive development have been approved.

Dinner with Dion

TICKETS are available for a dinner with former Aston Villa striker Dion Dublin at the Banks's Stadium, Walsall on December 5. Tickets are £37.50 For details call 01922 651416.

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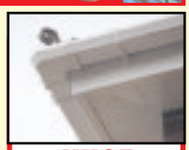

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NEWS

Council in bid to cut increasing fuel costs

COUNCILS in the Black Country, including Sandwell, are teaming up to buy fuel to cut their combined bill of £4.8 million, it has been revealed.

by Alex Homer

The councils, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, want to club together to buy diesel, unleaded petrol and heating oil.

The idea is to use their collective buying muscle to cut spiralling bills.

And in further plans, chiefs want to buy fruit, vegetables, milk and bread together to cut the costs of school meals.

The action is planned for January.

The authorities are already part of the Black Country Purchasing Consortium, which aims to drive down costs when they can joint tender for services or commodities.

Targets

Councils do not pay VAT on fuel but they could make further savings per litre as they buy wholesale instead of at regular retail prices.

Sandwell Council is now leading the search for a cheaper deal for all four councils in the face of multi-million pound Government savings targets.

Sandwell's finance chief Councillor Steve Eling said authorities were all being hit by price hikes, in just the same way as individuals at the petrol pumps.

He said: "We are paying quite a bit less than people at the pumps.

"But the increase in the prices of petrol and diesel has impacted on us the same as anyone running their car, or the rising costs for transport companies.

"Anything we can do to further drive down the cost per litre of fuel is something we need to pursue."

The plan is for the collective purchasing idea to run for 12-months as a trial.

Psychic Derek at library

Derek Acorah at West Bromwich Central Library

MORE than 100 paranormal enthusiasts descended on West Bromwich's Central Library for an evening with television psychic Derek Acorah.

The 62-year-old, who starred on reality television series Most Haunted, spearheaded two 45-minute sessions at the High Street venue last week – helping people to make contact with friends and family who have died. And the grandfather-of-three said he was delighted to be in Sandwell.

"I had a lot of offers to appear at various places tonight but the offers that have come in have tended to be for investigations," he said.

"But this is my passion. I am here helping people get in touch with their loved ones. Whether it's a mum, dad, aunty, uncle, cousin, cat or dog, we can give people a connection."

Mr Acorah, of Southport, ruled out any more episodes of Most Haunted but said he was in talks with networks about a new programme.

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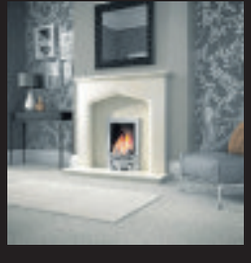

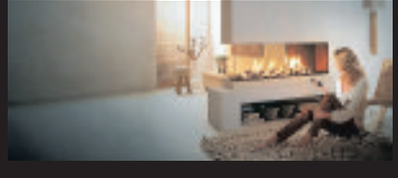

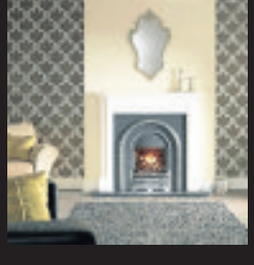

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NEWS

School delight as it gets outstanding mark again

Deputy head Premjit Dosanjh and Samson Medare with the Titanic, Haider Ali, Amelia Morgan, Jatinder Sohal, Jaskarit Ubhi and K'ci Millard

A SCHOOL is celebrating after achieving an outstanding rating in its latest Ofsted report – the second time Tividale Community Primary School, Dudley Road, has achieved the highest possible rating in four years.

It is the first Sandwell school rated as such under a new Ofsted inspection framework.

Inspectors visited it on October 17 and 18 and found it outstanding in all five areas – pupils, teaching quality, behaviour and safety, leadership and management and overall effectiveness.

The school was also judged outstanding when last inspected in 2008.

Head Emma Burnell said: "This success marks a moment in time which we should celebrate after years of continued effort and determination to maintain our outstanding status.

"Nevertheless, we will not stand still, there is always much to do. Education is always moving on and we are always looking for further improvement.

Governors

"We will never become complacent in aiming to achieve the best education possible for our pupils.

"We would like to thank all our parents, as always, for their support, and to thank pupils, staff and governors, for everything they do to make this an outstanding school.

"Tividale values having such a wonderful school community and the inspectors were very impressed with our ethos of inclusion, tolerance and respect for the school and wider community."

Borough education boss Councillor Bob Badham said: "This is a fantastic achievement and I congratulate everyone involved."

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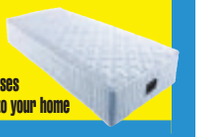

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A nurse tends to the care of young children at The Beeches. The windows are open to give the children fresh air

A banner calling for the hospital to be saved from the axe sits on the balcony of The Beeches which did shut in 1989

Lieutenant Colonel Waterhouse

Memories of hospital are needed for project

A HISTORY project capturing the changing phases of The Beeches Training Centre and Penn Hospital is being held at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

by Charlotte Lilley

Local people are being asked to share their memories of the site to produce a book and memorial bank.

The Beeches in Penn Road is an 18th century grade II listed building and was originally a gentlemen's residence.

During the 19th century, it was the home of Lieut. Col. Waterhouse who sold it to Francis Gibbons, one of the oldest and biggest makers of locks and ironmongery.

In 1935, the house was purchased by Wolverhampton Royal Hospital which converted it into a convalescent home for women and children. During World War Two, patients at the Royal were evacuated to their homes and in 1941, children's wards moved to the Penn site.

The first ward for seriously ill children opened at the Royal in 1951 and once patients showed signs of improvement, they were sent to The Beeches to recuperate.

Fresh air and sunlight from the large bay window is thought to have contributed to the children becoming well.

Young girls were given basic training to look after the children and lived on the top floor.

Their duties included keeping them fed and amused, a hard task considering they were only children themselves.

The Beeches closed in 1989. It had looked after hundreds of children from Wolverhampton and surrounding areas suffering from illnesses such as polio and TB. It reopened in 2004 as The Beeches Training and Education Centre, used for health and social care.

The art gallery project runs from November 17 until December 15. Anyone who would like to get involved should telephone 0121 612 8010.

A postcard of The Beeches for recuperating children to send to their parents

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NEWS

Youth council wins prize for mobile phone video

MEMBERS of Wednesbury Youth Council won a "stay safe" competition by making a video film to encourage youngsters to avoid mobile phone thefts.

The competition encouraged youth groups to develop a project that could be used to send a message to youngsters about staying safe, on a topic they felt was important to them.

The local youth council grabbed the opportunity to make a video around mobile phone theft. The video was shot on the canalside in Tipton and features a strong message about keeping your mobile phone safe.

The youth council won first prize – £100 and a video camera – and Chief Superintendent Mark Robinson presented them with their prize.

PC Hughie Treasure, who ran the competition, said: "It was good to see these young people enthusiastic about being safe.

"They have shown that young people do have an important part to play in Sandwell."

PCSO Nicola Yates, Ch Supt Mark Robinson, PC Hughie Treasure with, youth council members left to right, Sarah Clews, Aimee Smallman, Lisa Chalcraft, Luke Scott, and front, Louise Swinfen and Sophie Morris

Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for leisure services, said: "Congratulations to Wednesbury Youth Council on tackling the issue of mobile phone theft and winning this competition."

She added: "The video is true to life. It's great to see young people coming up with ideas and putting them into action."

To watch the video and for more information for young people, visit the website www.justyouth.org.uk and see www.facebook.com/sandwellyouth

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NEWS

Blueprint for town's future gets go-ahead

REGENERATION plans which set out how Sandwell will look within a decade have been approved by Government, despite businesses' fears that jobs could be at risk.

by Alex Homer

Ervin Amasteel, which makes metallic abrasives for the shot blasting industry, and Clayton Holdings Ltd, which makes fluid bed furnaces for the aerospace industry, objected to Sandwell Council's plans when they were unveiled.

At first they feared the designs, which set out where homes and employment land would be by 2021, jeopardised their businesses.

But now Steve Mills, boss of Ervin Amasteel, which employs 83, at George Henry Road, Tipton, said: "I'm happy the council have met our concerns.

Milestone

"We held meetings together and I was assured they did not wish any detriment to the business."

The Planning Inspectorate has ruled the designs, titled the Sandwell Site Allocation and Delivery Plan and the West Bromwich Area Action Plan, are sound.

The council's ruling cabinet was expected to officially adopt the plans this week. And Councillor Derek Rowley, the borough's jobs chief, said: "This is an important milestone.

"We always try to accomodate businesses to encourage growth and creating new jobs."

Earlier this year, Mr Mills said the emphasis on different kinds of business jeopardised the future viability of the firm.

Clayton Holdings Ltd meanwhile told the authority its plans to build homes near its Somerton Road site in Oldbury, were unworkable as it could not afford to uproot its operations, which could risk 24 job losses.

Planning inspector Paul Crysell, however, felt the council had responded to the businesses' concerns.

Tree lights the way

Tipton Civic Society chairman Ray Brothwood, Pauline Gregory, appeal organiser, and Keith Hodgkins, vice-chairman, are preparing the annual tree of light

LOVED ones will be again be remembered with the launch of the annual Tree of Light appeal in Tipton.

Under the scheme, people pay for decorations in memory of loved ones whose names are written on a memorial board under the tree. More than £2,500 has already been donated by relatives who want their loved one's featured on the tree.

"At the moment its doing very well," said Ray Brothwood, chairman of Tipton Civic Society, which organises the event. "Tipton people always pull together. I would urge any firm who wants to support us to contact us."

On November 30 a service will be held at St Paul's Church, Owen Street, at 7pm before the congregation heads outside to sing carols and launch the appeal. The lights will be switched on about 7.30pm.

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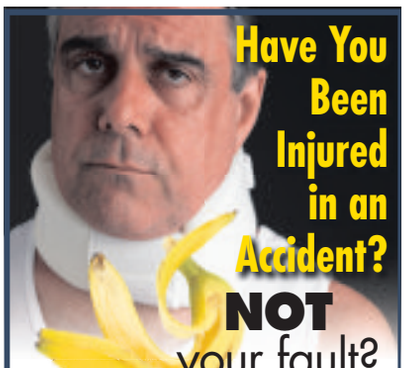

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Firm's strategy pays off as exports soar to £1m

A SMETHWICK firm has recorded a quadruple rise in exports in just six years.

The firm, which won Birmingham Chamber's international trade achievement award this year, is fluid sealing specialist M Barnwell Services, in Reginald Road, which is this year celebrating its 40th anniversary.

The family-owned company is the largest stockist and distributor of fluid sealing products in the UK, with stocks of some 30,000 product lines.

Until six years ago, its focus was primarily on the domestic market.

Peter McGarry, export sales manager, joined the company in 2008 and set about implementing a strategy to expand the business abroad.

With the backing and support of the board of directors, the export department at Barnwell was expanded, and a dedicated, experienced team was put in place.

Exhibition

With guidance from Mark Sankey of the UK Trade and Investment team, based at Birmingham Chamber, the company joined UKTI's export development programme Gateway to Global Growth.

It received funding to aid its international marketing and to take part in an overseas exhibition.

And Barnwell's export sales have soared to just under £1 million.

"Barnwell is undoubtedly an export success story," aid Mr Sankey.

The company exports to Europe, the United States and Australia, India, the Middle East, Africa and Mexico.

Part of the company's export strategy involved exhibiting at major overseas trade fairs, including one in Hanover, Germany, one of the largest industrial fairs in the world.

Birmingham Chamber's international trade adviser Mark Sankey, left, and Peter McGarry of M Barnwell Services

Thanks to that fair, the company met more than 100 potential clients from 40 different countriess.

"It was a huge success – and because of it, we have decided we should exhibit at other international trade fairs," said Mr McGarry.

Barnwell's export efforts were aided by the Chamber's translation services team, who translated the original English website into Spanish, German and Arabic.

Barnwell is now looking to expand further overseas, and is looking at markets in South America, including Chile, Peru and Ecuador, all of which have strong agricultural sectors.

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LETTERS

Vehicle-owners being taken for idiots

ONCE again the Government seems to think that the vehicle-owning public are idiots.

The latest idea being floated is to enable them to take more money off road users by introducing a two-tier road tax system.

This would be a nightmare to administer and would probably cost more than it would bring in tax revenues, and it would in effect make all our motorways and major routes toll roads.

The toll road on the M6 carries very little traffic, only the wealthy and those on business expense accounts use it, heavy goods vehicle and ordinary motorists avoid it like the plague.

If the main motorways were made toll roads other roads would be jammed up causing lots of delays and pollution.

Whichever route the government chooses to go down would be a huge cost to industry and the transport of goods which everyone knows would work its way into shops and a higher cost of living.

The more cash taken in taxes would mean less to spend in shops.

Most people would agree that building new motorways and upgrading existing ones are desperately needed and long overdue.

Money for these projects could be raised by cancelling the HS2 rail scheme which benefits only a few at enormous cost to the taxpayer.

It is time to stop taking the vehicle-using people for mugs, the motorist pays enough in taxes already.

They should also be aware that the millions of drivers are voters and are tired of being targeted every time the Government needs extra cash!

J Keay,
Dove Close, Wednesbury.

Centre's thanks to a generous community

AS a trustee at Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton I took on the task of getting some work done for the centre. Having no money, I went to the local community for help. I approached a tile firm and spoke to Steve Wilkinson who donated tiles and other items.

For the flag poles I had scaffolding donated to us and Bob Duffy from Duplex Power Tools cut the steel for us. Paul and Brian from Ornamental Metalwork agreed to weld the poles and put all the fittings on.

It is nice to know that there are still some people who are willing to help at no cost. The committee and users of the centre would like to say thank you to everyone for their kindness and help.

R Hemmings,
Vice Chairman & Trustee,
Arthur Road, Tipton.

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Requests on toilets seem to be justified

I FEEL I may have hit a nerve, when a councillor attacks me. However, if he had read my letter properly he would see I said: "Sandwell Council treats them like second class citizens".

Yes it is the same Mr Johnson who attended the Abbey neighbourhood meeting when plans were announced and yes, Mr Johnson is also aware of the toilet in Rutland Road.

And yes sadly it's the very same Mr Johnson who had been cried down by one of the councillor's colleagues at a previous meeting.

However there does appear to be a need for a public convenience and now they are saying they have negotiated a deal to get one built after all, so perhaps it highlights that my previous requests for toilet facilities were indeed fully justified.

Ewart J Johnson,
Thuree Road,
Smethwick.

Let's not forget our returning heroes

AS the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month approaches again, many will no doubt be remembering those who have fallen in the protection of liberty and peace. And rightly so, it's more poignant these days with Afghanistan, Iraq and other conflicts.

But let us also remember those who returned, many wounded, scarred both physically and emotionally, who are now in the twilight of their years.

Some will just be an elderly neighbour, relative or friend, and as the dark nights encroach with falling temperatures, let's remember them too.

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Jail term cut after appeal

A THIEF with a penchant for stealing chicken breasts has had his four-and-a-half year jail term cut. Andrew James Rose, aged 26, of Derby Street, Rowley Regis, was sentenced in June.

The Court of Appeal cut it to three years and four months. Giving the judgment, Mr Justice Kenneth Parker said Rose had at last begun to show some signs he wanted to change his ways. "We do hope earnestly that that is the case, because we wish to make it plain that the course we have taken might in this case be regarded as somewhat lenient," he said.

Rose was sentenced after admitting robbery, four breaches of an Asbo, three thefts and breaching a community order.

Security entrepreneur through to finals that champion young talent

AN entrepreneur from Oldbury is one of eight finalists for a national award which recognises young business owners.

Nithin Thomas, aged 29, is shortlisted for the Shell LiveWIRE Young Entrepreneur of the Year award which has a £10,000 prize.

He has already won a £1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Award for his business SQR Systems, which develops technology to distribute video securely across networks with limited bandwidth.

Mr Thomas beat nearly 800 other UK entrepreneurs to get to the final.

The awards were launched in 1982 and have awarded more than £5 million in grants to young UK entrepreneurs. Mr Thomas started his business in December 2010 having already developed the technology as part of his PhD studies.

With cybercrime becoming increasingly common, he realised there was a gap in the market for technology that would solve security concerns and the difficulties of delivering quality video through low bandwidth.

Mr Thomas will undergo a rigorous independent judging process by a panel of eight business experts.

He said: "I will be ecstatic if I win. We're growing the business and refining our technology so the money would be very useful."

Mr Thomas was born in India and came to the UK with his family at 12 and lived in Bath.

His company in New Birmingham Road, has two employees.

Nithin Thomas

Website move from truck firm

A WEST Bromwich truck dealership which is expected to turn over £100 million this year has unveiled a new website to sell parts and expand its business.

Keltruck, based near junction one of the M5, an independent Scania dealer, launched it this week.

Andrew Bentley, general manager of marketing and business development at the family firm, which employs 460 staff, said: "It firmly puts Keltruck at the forefront of the online parts market.

"The objective of this platform was to make purchasing a recycled part, or consumable as easy as possible for our valuable customers which has now finally been achieved."

Hayley leads a Zumbathon

Hayley Scrowston-Butler, second from left, with Zumba teachers Claire Peer, Tracey Tobin and Alison Handford

A WOMAN suffering from cancer donned her dancing shoes to raise £1,100 through a charity Zumbathon.

Brave Hayley Scrowston-Butler, aged 24, organised the session to raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Action.

The practice nurse was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2009, and at Christmas 2010 she was told it could not be cured.

She said: "They are just keeping me alive now, but I'm still here. There is no point crying about it, you just have to get on, and I want to raise as much money as I can."

Mrs Scrowston-Butler of Stowe Lawn, Bilston, was helped by three volunteer qualified Zumba teachers to run the event which attracted round 70 dancers at the Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton.

'Shared vision' on future of Queen's Square shopping

BOSSES at West Bromwich's Queens Square Shopping Centre have welcomed news that work is set to start on a £7 million transformation of the site, after planning permission was given a few months ago.

Sandwell Council has signed a works agreement and a new long-term lease for the centre, which means Fairacre, the company acting on behalf of Queens Square's owners, can start work on the site.

Fairacre has day-to-day control as part of the new lease agreement.

As well as attracting new businesses, they will examine new ways of maximising use of the malls, such as introducing an events and performance space.

The borough's jobs boss, Councillor Derek Rowley, said: "The refurbishment of Queens Square is great news because it helps us support existing businesses in West Bromwich as well as attracting new ones."

Leigh Perl, on behalf of Fairacre, added: "We are looking forward to bringing Queens Square up to the standard you'd expect of a modern shopping centre.

"We and the council share the same vision."

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Phoenix improvement continues as ambitious targets are tackled

PUPILS and staff at Phoenix Collegiate returned to school in September to begin their third year with a real excitement as its second set of examination results showed continued improvements in the outcomes for students.

Under the new direction of headteacher Gary Hill, the vision of creating one of the top performing schools in Sandwell is in experienced hands, and the ambitious targets set for the end of the third year are almost assured.

Phoenix also received news in the summer term that it will benefit from funding through the Priority School Building Programme recently announced by the Government.

Work on this project will begin as soon as April 2013 and the communities served by Phoenix will finally have the state-of-the-art educational facilities on their doorstep which have been well overdue.

Exciting

This really is an exciting prospect for the whole community although the school has not waited for the funding to arrive before continuing to develop it facilities.

It recently incorporated the previous Sandwell City Learning Centre as part of the Phoenix Sixth Form Centre and has an awe-inspiring TV studio, radio recording suites and 3D-equipped drama facilities, not to mention three up-to-the-minute Apple ICT suites.

It has also made a significant investment in equipping a new literacy centre, fully equipped with touch-screen computers, the latest Kindles and nationally-acclaimed software.

Phoenix has every intention of ensuring all its students quickly acquire the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills that will provide a solid foundation for a successful and rewarding education.

Students in the laboratory tackling fish dissection in one of the Collegiate biology classes

These students were taking a very keen interest in their A-level results at Phoenix Collegiate

The Phoenix Collegiate, a Sports, Business and Enterprise College, is a student-centred school that places its students at the heart of everything it does.

On entry in Year 7 class sizes are kept exceptionally small and pupils follow the "Learning to Learn" programme.

This aims to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential by understanding the way in which they learn, and responding with personalised learning plans. From Year 9 pupils graduate into one of four learning academies – Performing, Business and Creative, Human Studies or Communication, spending 40 per cent of their time in their chosen academy and 60 percent on traditional subjects at GCSE or equivalent.

To complete their secondary education following their GCSEs, as one of the largest 6th forms in the area, Phoenix is able to offer a wide range of courses to prepare them for higher education or the world of work.

In support of the curriculum over the past two years excellent links have been enhanced between the school and one of Sandwell's biggest employers, GEOpost.

It is intended that GEOpost will become one of the school partners as we move through the next phase of the improvement drive, moving towards academy status in 2013. Having the support of a multinational company with such local links will be invaluable for our pupils in the coming years.

When you combine all these factors with the continued effort and hard work by our pupils, teachers and support staff, then the future for Phoenix looks very bright indeed.

For more details on the Phoenix Collegiate call 0121 588 8384 or visit **www.phoenixcollegiate.org**

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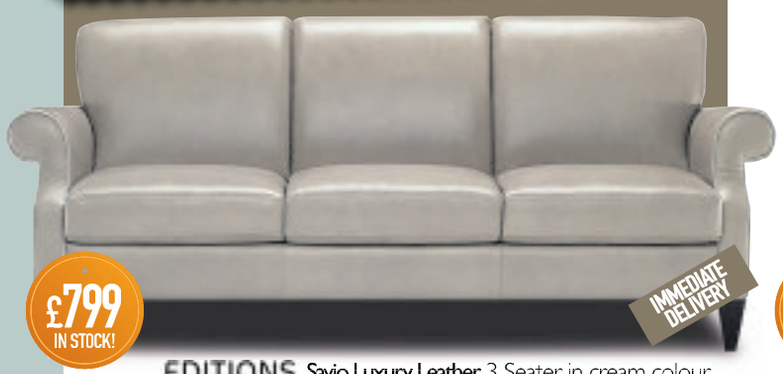

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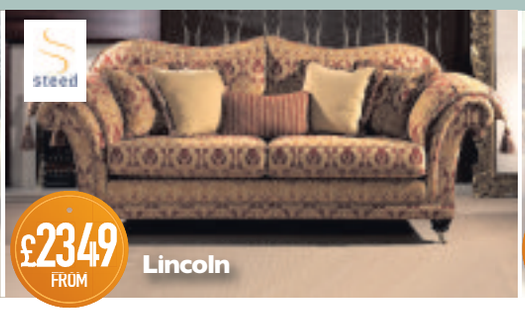

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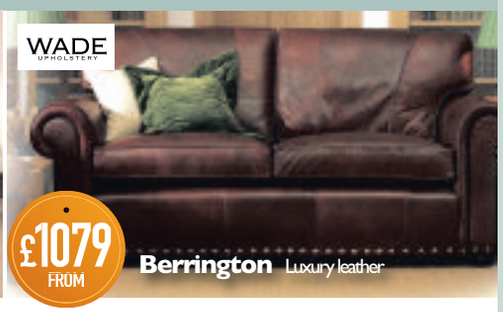

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Exciting developments are in store for school

CONGRATULATIONS! The children of George Betts Primary School have achieved the highest results in English and maths since 2008, and have met the government's floor standard for English and maths combined for 11-year-olds.

Attendance is also at an all-time high, improving dramatically over the past year.

The quality and standards of teaching are higher than ever and continuing to improve.

This has set the tone for the current academic year 2012/13, and there are many exciting developments for the school and its fantastic children, families and staff.

At George Betts there is a real commitment to provide pupils with the necessary skills and experiences to become successful learners.

Computers

There is a strong focus on reading, writing and mathematics and also in developing e-learning and the use of new computer technologies to help children flourish as 21st century learners.

To facilitate this aim the school has invested in an industry-standard, site-wide wireless solution and purchased more computers.

The school's learning platform and pupil portals offer children the opportunities for anytime, anywhere learning, accessing online homework at home.

The school is also in discussions to form a partnership with Microsoft, Partners in Learning. This partnership will offer the staff excellent professional development opportunities and allow them to plan lessons and projects alongside professionals from Microsoft for the benefit of all children.

George Betts Primary is investing to make its pupils 21st century learners

Shireland's year of success

ANOTHER great year for Shireland Hall Primary School! Standards for children in English and maths continue to rise at Shireland Hall and are above those seen in schools across England.

Teaching is of a high standard and children and parents say how well the school supports them in continually improving in all areas of school life.

There is a huge piece of work at Shireland Hall this year as the new multi million pound school building is constructed. This exciting development will be open to children, families and the local community in the academic year 2013/14 as the school community moves from the existing building into this new, state-of-the-art school.

Onward and upward for Shireland Hall!

The Federation of George Betts and Shireland Hall Primary Schools.

George Betts and Shireland Hall work closely together for the benefit of all children and families.

The schools can be contacted on:

George Betts: 0121 558 0472
Shireland Hall: 0121 558 6331

or visit the school websites:

www.georgebettsprimaryschool.co.uk
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There are a small number of nursery places available at each school.

For all other admissions enquiries please contact Sandwell LA on 0121 569 2200.

NEWS

Closure of centre leads to swimming lesson refunds

DOZENS of swimmers have been given refunds on lessons because of the prolonged closure of Wednesbury Leisure Centre ahead of a £6 million replacement being built.

The High Bullen pool was closed 11 months ago for routine maintenance and has remained closed after workers discovered it had developed 'concrete cancer'.

Sandwell Council is trying to fast-track its replacement, but it was revealed last week that a new centre would not open until at least 2014, due to the time needed to complete the project.

It has emerged that during the closure period, Sandwell Leisure Trust, which runs the centre, has had to reimburse 67 customers for swimming lessons.

Other customers have decided to use facilities in nearby Tipton.

Review

Ash Rai, operations manager and deputy chief executive officer of the trust, said: "In order to accommodate the loss of the programme at Wednesbury Leisure Centre, the trust increased opening hours at Tipton Swimming Centre and through review of the programme, increased capacity.

"The trust has been successful in accommodating most requests and, where places are limited, a number of customers have agreed to remain on a waiting list.

"It is inevitable that following a closure, some customers do not wish to move, therefore, the trust issued 67 individual refunds totalling approximately £450."

Borough finance boss Councillor Steve Eling has said the council has cut out possible delays already to speed up the replacement of the centre.

On air with school radio

Heart FM presenters Ed James and Rachel New drop into Alumwell Junior School to see the new radio station with pupil Ketevani Asatiani

PUPILS have been taking to the airwaves on their own radio station and were given some handy hints from Heart FM's breakfast team Ed James and Rachel New.

They dropped into Alumwell Junior in Walsall to help officially launch the new station at an assembly.

AJS FM is being run by Year 4 pupils after a specially designed studio was created at the Primley Avenue school, paid for through a grant from the Big Lottery Fund. It was the brainchild of teacher Lauren Thorne.

Pupils hit the airwaves twice a day, with broadcasts at 9am to 3pm.Their bulletins include school news and at the end, a requested tune. Each classroom has a speaker.

Deputy head Angela Hill, said: "The children love it and they get the chance to use the real life equipment. We may even have some of the radio stars of the future here."

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NEWS

Fatal stab attack site is put on the market

LAND at the site of a former social club in Smethwick, which is yards from where a teenager was fatally injured, has gone on the market.

Ben Morutare, 16, died after being stabbed in the leg outside the Home Guard & Old Comrades Club.

The club, which became a target for arsonists after it closed following the murder, was demolished last month. And now the freehold of the site in Oldbury Road is on sale with retail property consultants Adam Perrey.

The teenager from Holden Crescent, Coalpool, was attacked on July 28. He was found with stab wounds to the leg on grass near the club where he had attended an 18th birthday party. He died at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Following the murder, club boss Bal Sangha said she had been forced to consider knocking it down because of strict conditions imposed by police.

Charged

Officers demanded security be beefed up at the club and wanted two doormen for the first 100 people at any function after 7pm, and one more for every 50 people after that.

But the owner said people would not use the venue if prices were increased to cover the extra cost of the door staff and more money would be made by knocking the building down to make way for flats.

Police have charged two teenagers, aged 17 and 18, with Ben's murder. A further four people have been charged with violent disorder after trouble flared on the night of Ben's death.

The four, 17 and 18-year-olds, were charged in October and one of the 17-year-olds is also charged with perverting the course of justice.

Craft events for Christmas

Front left-right, councillors Elaine Costigan, and Olwen Jones, with back left-right, Brendan Hawthorne, Wendy Perks, and Derek Sambrooks

TRADERS are being sought to take part in a market in Wednesbury in the run-up to Christmas.

The Crafters Market has been organised to take place in Union Street every Saturday until Christmas. And traders who take part will not have to pay for pitches as the cost is being covered by the High Street Innovation Fund.

Jewellery, art and knitted items will be among the items on sale.

Wednesbury North councillor Elaine Costigan said: "Pitches are still available and anyone interested can turn up at 8am on the day."

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Chance to air concerns

PEOPLE in the Tipton area can hear from the council and police and raise any community concerns at neighbourhood forum meetings over the next few weeks.

Sandwell Council's area working team organises forums in all of the borough's neighbourhoods four times a year.

The meetings are: Princes End Neighbourhood Forum, November 12, 6pm to 8pm at Wednesbury Oak Primary School, Greenacre Road, Tipton.

Tipton Green Neighbourhood Forum, Monday December 10, at 6pm to 8pm at St Paul's Community Centre, Brick Kiln Street, Tipton.

Mayor leads cavalcade at opening of A41 underpass after £25m work

THE £25 million A41 underpass in West Bromwich has opened to drivers, ending more than two years of work.

An opening ceremony took place with Sandwell's mayor, Councillor Keith Davies leading traffic down the road.

The underpass has been designed to speed up traffic flow along the dual carriageway, which runs between the town and junction one of the M5.

The redevelopment, which was originally planned for completion by late 2011, has pedestrian and cycle paths replacing subways and a footbridge crossing the underpass to link the town centre with All Saints Way.

The project began in June 2010, with speed limits cut from 50mph to 30mph and lanes closed along a one-and-a-half mile stretch, reaching from Carters Green island to the motorway island.

The capacity of the junction will increase from 70,000 to 115,000 vehicles each day. Bus service reliability and commuters will also benefit. At the opening ceremony around 20 people gathered on the bridge overlooking the new road including Sandwell councillors, officers and construction workers.

The mayor and deputy mayor led a cavalcade underneath the bridge while a number of drivers honked their horns and waved to the people on the bridge as they went through. The mayor then unveiled a plaque.

Within minutes there was a steady flow of traffic, and shortly afterwards a truck broke down underneath, where it stayed for around six minutes, until the driver restarted the engine.

Councillor Davies said: "It was an honour to lead the traffic through the underpass this morning. So much work has gone into this project. It's exciting to see so many changes happening."

Borough neighbourhoods boss Councillor Ian Jones, said: "This has been 20 years in the planning and this is a big stage in the regeneration of West Bromwich."

Libraries set to conduct survey

VISITORS to Sandwell libraries will be asked to fill in a survey later this month.

The council's library service is seeking views on how it can provide the best possible services for library users. The survey will run for a week from November 12. Visitors to any of Sandwell's libraries will be asked to complete the short questionnaire.

The survey is carried out every three years and has been in existence since 1993. It is supported by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and recognised by the Society of Chief Librarians as the most robust method of gathering data for setting and monitoring national standards.

Arbor Lights shining as venue reopens

Matthew Harper, the new landlord at Arbor Lights

THE new boss of a Walsall bar and restaurant is looking to the future as the venue opened its doors once more. Arbor Lights, in Lichfield Street, shut down suddenly last month.

But it has now reopened just weeks later after being taken over by new boss Matthew Harper, who also runs the Red Lion, Park Street. The move has created up to 12 jobs.

Mr Harper, aged 29, said he had worked at Arbor Lights six years ago and did not hesitate when he saw it had closed.

"I got straight on to the brewery and said I'd like to take it over," said Mr Harper, who is originally from Cannock. We've redecorated it all inside.

"I just want it to go back to being a really good place to go and have a drink or something to eat. We want customers to get behind us now and come down and give us a go."

Arbor Lights first opened in December 2002, taking its name from the town's now-defunct famous lights show.

It was formerly an Irish bar known as Fibber McGees.

Town is to light up for Christmas

CHRISTMAS is coming early to Oldbury with a fun-filled lights switch-on event and series of festive markets.

Marathon runner "Blind" Dave Heeley will switch on the Christmas lights at a special event in the town centre on November 29.

There will also be series of Christmas markets in Oldbury Civic Square throughout November in the build-up to Christmas.

There will be something for all the family to enjoy at the light switch-on including a fun fair, school choirs, brass band and an appearance by Santa.

There will also be workshops by The Public and Bostin' Arts to give everyone the chance to be creative.

Dave Heeley will flick the switch after leading a children's lantern parade between 5pm and 6pm.

Councillor Steve Trow, Oldbury town lead member for Oldbury, said: "Christmas is a special time for families, particularly for children, and we wanted to make this Christmas extra special.

"The Christmas lights switch-on will be a great event with a special market packed with Christmas goodies."

The Oldbury Christmas Markets will take place between 9am and 4pm on the following dates:

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Expansion is set to create extra places at oversubscribed school

Moat Farm was rated as 'Good' by Ofsted inspectors, who praised the outstanding range of activities on the curriculum

Pupils enjoy learning and they have access to extended services outside normal school hours

MOAT FARM Junior School Trust enjoys a good local reputation and is always oversubscribed. As a result, the governors are pleased to announce that we are creating an extra Year 3 class from September 2013.

At the moment we only take 90 Year 3 students. In September 2013 this will increase to 120.

At Moat Farm we do things differently. We work alongside our Trust partners The Albion Foundation, Barnardo's and Sandwell College to deliver a diverse and dynamic curriculum.

We were rated "Good" by Ofsted inspectors in April 2010 who commented on the "outstanding range of activities" available within our curriculum.

Our pupils are taught within a caring and supportive environment where pupils and staff enjoy warm relationships and pupils enjoy learning and strive to do their best.

Parents are pleased with the quality of teaching and the progress their children make during their time at Moat Farm.

Our pupils have good attendance and believe in the ethos of "Every Day Matters", leading to an attendance figure currently of 96.7 per cent which is well above the Sandwell average.

Residential

Our pupils also perform well, and attainment in SATS results is also above the Sandwell average.

All our pupils have access to extended services both before and after school and during the holidays.

We also offer three residential visits a year to enable children to experience a range of outward bound activities away from home.

If your child will be starting in Year 3 next September and you would like to take advantage of the extra places we are creating, please come along to one of the following open days:

- Monday, November 12, at 9-10am and 3-4.30 pm.
- Tuesday, November 13, at 9-10am and 3-6pm.
- Wednesday, November 15, at 9-10am and 3-4.30 pm.

Staff will be on hand to show you round the school and answer questions, and you will be able to see first hand the delivery of our curriculum, and our children learning in a caring and supporting environment.

Please email or call the school to confirm your attendance to one of the above events. Refreshments will be available and children are also welcome.

Moat Farm Junior School Trust

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The Governing Body is pleased to announce that we are expanding and creating an extra Y3 class from September 2013 when the Y3 numbers will increase to 120. Anyone interested in seeking a place should contact us for further information and an application pack.

- In conjunction with our Trust partners The West Bromwich Albion Foundation, Barnardo's and Sandwell College we offer a diverse and dynamic curriculum.
- Rated 'Good' by Ofsted in April 2010 who commented on the 'outstanding range of activities within the curriculum'.
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TUC backs town event

A UNION backed organisation has chosen Walsall to hold a major regional forum looking at opportunities.

The Communities on the Breadline event is being organised by the Trade Union Congress and Walsall Women's Forum. It will be held on Saturday at the Crossing At Paul's, in Darwall Street, from 11am until 3pm.

There will be stalls offering advice on legal matters, training opportunities, health and community groups. Guest speakers will inlcude Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz.

Coach park could boost trade in shopping centre

CALLS have been made for a coach park in Walsall town centre, with those supporting the scheme saying it would boost trade.

Darlaston South Councillor Doug James said attractions such as the New Art Gallery, Walsall Arboretum and Leather Museum would benefit. He said interest could be drummed up by liaising with coach companies across the country, and that hotels in Walsall would also stand to profit.

Councillor James said: "We would also boost our town centre shops if we were able to encourage more visitors to travel from junction 10 of the M6, along our ring road to a safe, secure and equipped coach park.

"If Walsall Council provided and promoted a coach park many more people could enjoy a visit to our town and bring money to our deflated economy.

"Walsall would gain a higher national profile if we had a co-ordinated plan to engage with coach and travel companies across the UK."

Carl Mitchell, of Walsall's Town Centre Champions team, welcomed the idea but said that more businesses were needed to fill empty shops.

Mr Mitchell, who runs Bonce Salons in Bradford Street, said: "We do have a fantastic art gallery in the town. We need more shops at the moment and enough big brands which people are interested in. With Birmingham not far away, there has to be enough here to make people want to visit.

"It will definitely make a big difference that Primark is coming in."

Author completes fantasy trilogy

Author Martin Webb with his final book in the trilogy

A PRISON manager who has notched up 11,000 worldwide sales since turning part-time author has unveiled the final book in a trilogy.

Martin Webb has immortalised his children Jack, six, and Sophie, five, by basing fictional characters in his adventure series on the pair. The characters battle wizards in a fantasy version of Lichfield.

Mr Webb, 44, has just finished Jake West: The Estian Alliance.

Born in Walsall Wood, he still lives in the area and works at Swinfen Hall Prison. The latest book is on sale at www.lulu.com or www.amazon.com website.

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CLUB NEWS

Highlight has ladies made-up

CODSALL WOOD WI

TODAY (Thursday), there will be a Christmas fair at the Firs from 10am to 3pm.

On Wednesday November 21, a coach will be going to Bridgemere Garden Centre, leaving the Crown at 10am. The Carol Service is on Monday December 3 at Coven at 7.30pm.

After the business led by Beryl Atkins, the ladies proceeded to the highlight of the night: 'An Evening with Elizabeth Arden'.

It was a packed hall with everyone eagerly awaiting the make-over of the evening.

Tracey, who works in House of Fraser, Rachel, a make-up artist who travels around and Hazel, also of House of Fraser, led the demonstration.

Tracey first of all picked the model for the evening - Pam Hearth, who was delighted with her makeover.

Guests were then able to speak to Tracey, Rachel and Hazel and book in for a make-over in House of Fraser at their leisure.

All the guests were given a seven-day sample of ceramide capsules. There is a super offer on at present by Elizabeth Arden. For just £45, WI members can get a make-up bag full of goodies worth £300 while stocks last.

The competition of a perfume bottle was won by Linda Groves, and second Judy Trotman.

Historian gives talk on long-lost railway

Historian Dr Paul Collins, author of the book The Kinver Light Railway, gave a talk to the Black Country Society

THE BLACK COUNTRY SOCIETY

THE Kingswinford branch met on October 17 in Kingswinford Church Hall.

Chairman Joan White introduced the speaker Dr Paul Collins, author of The Kinver Light Railway.

The railway closed in 1930. It ran from the Fish Inn, Amblecote, through Wollaston and the Bridgnorth Road to the Stewponey and Foley Arms Hotel, Stourton. From there it continued through the Hyde Meadows and Woodlands to Kinver village.

Paul was thanked for his excellent talk, illustrated with superb pictures on slide.

The next meeting will be held in Kingswinford Church Hall on Wednesday November 21 at 7.45pm when the speaker will be David Bills MBE on Kinver Rock Houses.

Guild enjoys a busy year

SHORT HEATH GUILD

SHORT Heath Guild again enjoyed a year of events and activities. In December 2011 the guild held the Federation Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church for the first time.

During the year, there have been some very good speakers, the best of whom was Penny Wheat, a visitor to Prisoners on Death Row in the USA. Members enjoyed a visit to Bridgemere Gardens and Dorothy Clive Garden Centre. Eight members went to the National AGM at the ICC in Birmingham.

In July the guild visited Oxford and in August, there was tea with the president Marjory Beale. In September 12 members did a sponsored walk for the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, raising £221, followed by the Harvest supper and auction. Money raised came to £233 and was presented to Holy Trinity Restoration Fund.

November's speaker will be Margaret Smallman talking about Rick Stein.

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Suction offers another solution

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help resolve the stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is now available. Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of those experiencing long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth. The Ultra Suction teeth are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices built into the dentures.

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The work of the Denture Clinic has found satisfied customers from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye, Anglesey and the south coast of England. Its handcrafted dentures, made in laboratories on the premises, are known for their natural look, says clinic principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng). "I remain passionate about resolving problems for denture wearers and for many, quality, traditional dentures can bring about hugely effective results. We always aim to exceed expectations and strive for best clinical outcomes."

Ann's transformation

A WORKING union between two dental professionals is helping to bring about life-changing outcomes. Retired health professional Ann was one of their patients. Read why now she's finding a new harmony in life.

"My teeth look and feel just like my own. I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me"

ANN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course.

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true.

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging." Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

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Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at *Parkdale Dental Clinic* on Tettenall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time, Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the *Denture Clinic*, which is now taking appointments in Bearwood, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

Ann, a volunteer support worker at a hospice, adds: "I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me.

"My implant-retained dentures have made a great improvement to my appearance and wellbeing.

"My teeth look and feel just like my own. It's been a good investment and offers a long-term solution."

NEWS

Sensory garden opened

Sandwell's mayor Councillor Keith Davies, first row, second from left, with Friends of Dartmouth Park group members, and garden users, in Dartmouth Park

A WEST Bromwich park's new sensory garden has been officially opened to the public, as its viewing platform was dedicated to its former head gardener.

The Dartmouth Park sensory garden was developed with help from Sandwell Visually Impaired.

As it was unveiled, the park's friends group took the chance to dedicate the viewing area to former head gardener Bill Finney, to the delight of his wife Betty.

Dozens of people were at the unveiling, carried out by Sandwell's mayor Councillor Keith Davies. Around 60 people stayed for the reception, attended by marathon legend 'Blind Dave' Heeley in the events room named after him.

Carol Harthill, friends group secretary, said treasurer Annette Welch and committee member Sue Slater deserved particular praise for their efforts to create the garden and apply for grants. She also singled out Sandra Troth, from Sandwell Women's Institute, and the loyal team of volunteer gardeners for praise.

Hotel gym scheme to boost jobs at Ramada

A NEW gym and leisure area will be built at an Oldbury hotel, safeguarding 28 jobs and creating seven more.

The scheme is for the first floor of the Ramada Hotel on Wolverhampton Road.

Hotel bosses have now won planning permission from Sandwell Council to extend the building to create space for the new facilities. The future of the hotel was thrown into doubt last May when the former owners, Brierley Hill-based Fortmere Group, went into administration.

by Alex Homer

But businessman Gurjit Mahal bought the 81-bedroom hotel and conference centre in February after it spent nine months on the market.

Visitors

Planners working for Mr Mahal say he needs the extra attraction of new facilities to make the business viable.

The new facilities will only be open to visitors to the hotel and their guests.

Robert Francis of design consultants Maple Design said: "The hotel has struggled to attract customers over the past years and has had several owners.

"My clients have identified the need for additional facilities, to attract more customers and make the business more viable."

He said he believed the scheme would swell the hotel's income and help safeguard the business's future.

The extension will be built at the rear of the hotel at first floor level.

The new gym and leisure area will be built on stilts, to stop it taking up car parking spaces.

Mr Francis said the additional facilities will not only secure the jobs of the current 28 employees but will enable the firm to recruit seven more people.

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Heroin dealers are locked up

TWO drug dealers who were found with heroin with a street value of up to £107,000 have each been locked up for five-and-a-half years.

Sundev Johal and Lee Malekebu were the subject of a covert police operation in which Johal was monitored for weeks. The operation led to a raid at two houses in Walsall, where heroin and cannabis were recovered.

Both men admitted conspiracy to supply heroin and cannabis, and conspiracy to produce cannabis. Johal, of Uttoxeter Close, Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton, had a previous conviction for possessiing class A drugs with intent to supply. Malekebu, of Ashbury Court, Great Barr, had previous convictions for manslaughter, robbery and possession of class B drugs.

Hugh O'Brien Quinn, prosecuting, told Friday's hearing at Wolverhampton Crown Court that police raided a property in Walsall Road, Walsall, last November.

They recovered 996 grams of heroin, which had a street value of between £71,000 and £106,000 and the pair were arrested.

Police then raided a house in Wolfsbane Drive, Walsall, where a cannabis factory was found.

Community safety manager Lynn Hughes with members of Walsall's environmental health team Waheeda Chotpad, David Matthews and Narinder Singh Chumber

Piles of rubbish put focus on litter

LITTER was piled up in Walsall during an environmental education day to highlight how much rubbish is collected every day in the borough – and particularly in the town centre.

Bags of litter collected in the town centre were deposited in Park Street last Thursday to show passers-by the amounts involved.

It comes after the council's environmental health team received 90 complaints about general litter over the past year, with an additional 444 complaints about fly-tipping.

Enforcement officers from Walsall Council patrolled the town centre speaking to the public about littering.

Advice was given to residents on a number of issues including correct household recycling and bin usage, and commercial waste.

People were also reminded how to report fly-tipping and accumulations of household waste in back gardens.

Several people dressed up in litter costumes to help get the message across.

Councillor Zahid Ali, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for public protection, said: "This initiative aims to highlight the menace of litter in our town centre and to educate people.

"How they dispose of rubbish can really have a massive effect on the tidiness of the borough."

NEWS in brief

Ramblers head for the fields and lanes

THE Walsall group of Ramblers will be heading to Tardebigge near Bromsgrove for a nine and a half mile circular walk on Sunday.

It takes place via lanes, field paths and towpaths. For more details call 0121 353 9360.

Family cycle ride

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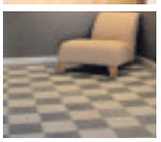
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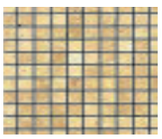
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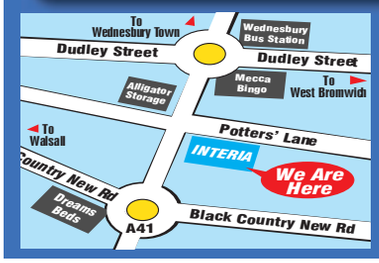

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HOMES

Time to get home in shape for winter

NOW is a good time for homeowners to 'health check' their homes before the winter weather, according to NHBC (National House-Building Council).

It is the UK's leading warranty provider and standards setting body for new build homes.

People living in houses built in the last 10 years will typically have to deal with less maintenance, as the build quality and energy efficiency of new homes today is superior to that of older properties.

NHBC has worked to raise the construction standards of new homes and provide protection for new homebuyers, with its flagship Buildmark warranty covering more than 80 per cent of new homes built in the UK, giving homeowners assurance and redress if anything goes wrong.

Whether your home is new or old, NHBC advises all homeowners to carry out a yearly review of the property, to keep everything in order and protect your investment.

Items worth checking are:

Internal

Heating system: This is also a good time to bleed radiators, to get rid of air pockets, and to have your annual boiler service, to ensure the system is working to its best performance and safety. Contact a Gas Safe registered installer to carry out an annual check now.

Smoke detectors: If run on batteries, these should be checked and replaced if necessary. All detectors should be replaced after10 years.

Home security: Check the locks on all doors and windows, to ensure if they are in full working order.

Plumbing: Dripping pipes and taps waste vast amounts of water and can also create significant internal damage. It may be a simple repair such as replacing a washer for a new one, so check your system thoroughly and if necessary, contact a qualified plumber to make repairs.

Clearing gutters will prevent blockages that can lead to water damage

External

Roofing: Look at your roof from the outside, to see if any tiles are cracked or have slipped; if so these will need replacing by a professional roofer.

Solar Panels: Should be self cleaning, however to maintain efficiency, any debris that has accumulated should be removed if this can be done safely. (Roof mounted equipment is fragile and should be treated in accordance with manufacturers guidelines)

Guttering: Check for damage and clear away blockages. Blockages can lead to water damage, so make sure guttering is cleared at least once a year. For safety reasons, this should be carried out by a professional.

Woodwork: This needs preserving. Timber windows and doors need repainting every three to five years.

Garden fencing: This provides your home with security and privacy, so it is important to check garden fencing for any damage and maintain its good condition.

A quick home health check will identify areas that need attention and catch problems at an early stage.

Carrying out regular maintenance ensures a home is kept in good condition, making it more pleasant to live in, more energy efficient and cheaper to run, and increasing its residual value.

Further advice on property maintenance and other issues can be found in NHBC's publication, A Guide to your new home – a practical guide to looking after your new home, free at www.nhbc.co.uk/homeowners

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NEWS

Bryn carves out a link to industrial heritage

Bryn with the statue of Mary Macarthur that he spent two months carving

A CRAFTSMAN has created his own tribute to the iconic leader of the women's strike.

Bryn Williams, of Cradley, has painstakingly carved a wooden statue of Mary Macarthur, leader of the Cradley Heath chainmakers' strike, out of cherry wood and stag horn.

He was inspired to create the work when he saw a photograph of the trade unionist in a shop window on Cradley High Street, but he also felt it was fitting due to his own family history.

Mr Williams, of Banners Street, said: "Sandwell Council had covered the window of an empty shop with a photograph of Mary Macarthur speaking to workers and I thought that would be a wonderful image to recreate in wood. Also my family has a strong chain making connection."

His grandfather Thomas Williams was a chainmaker, as was his aunt Mary Kirton.

Memories

The 71-year-old said: "She lived on Butchers Lane and had a lean-to, and I would go past everyday as a youngster and watch her making chain there. It brings back very fond memories."

Mary Macarthur led 800 local women on a 10-week strike for a minimum wage in 1910. The landmark victory changed the lives of thousands of workers who were earning little more than 'starvation wages'.

Mr Williams worked from a sketch to carve out the main figure using a special tool on the intricate design. It took him around two months.

He took up carving after working at button factory James Grove & Sons, Halesowen.

The grandfather and father-of-one lives with wife Shirley and has won many competitions for his designs.

Work on road will cause traffic delays

DRIVERS face delays because of resurfacing work on Oakham Road, Tividale.

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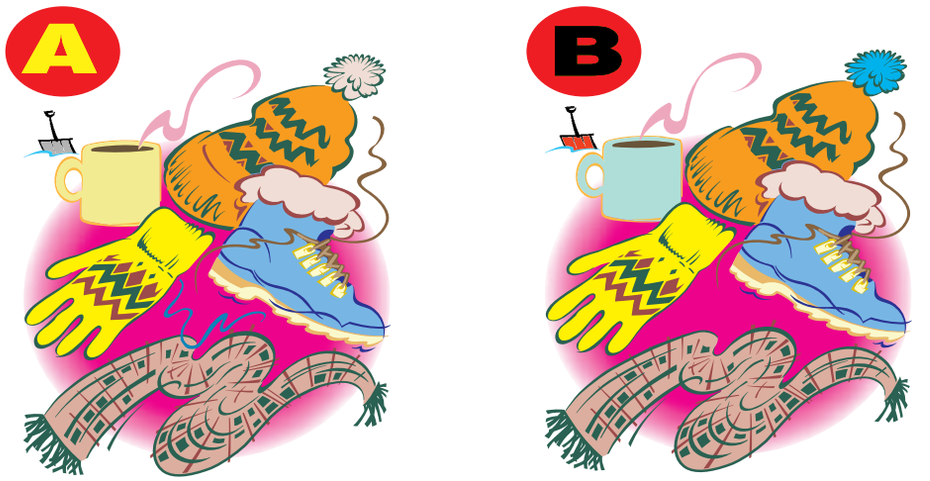

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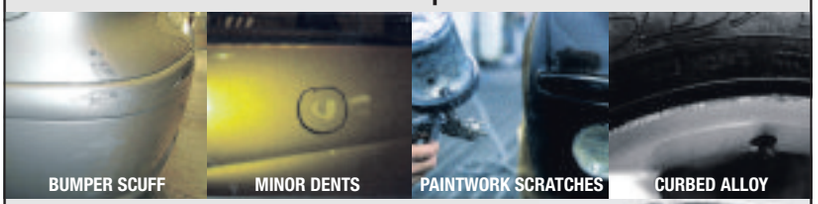

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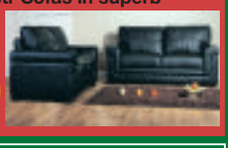

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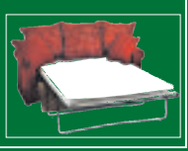

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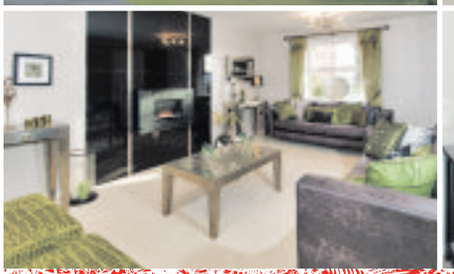

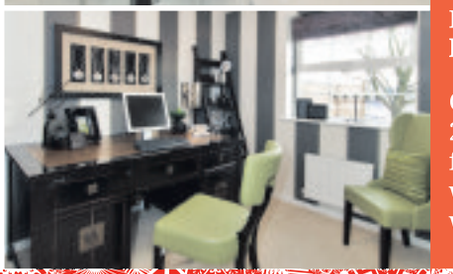

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Festival on way back to The Public

THE indie pop festival Now We Are Weekender will return to The Public in West Bromwich.

Over the bank holiday weekend of May 25 and 26, the independent mini-festival at the New Street venue will host some great bands.

Last year's line-up including Art Brut, Misty's Big Adventure, The Lovely Eggs and The School, pulled in the crowds.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public, said: "Last year's Now We Are Weekender was a huge success, attracting audiences from across the region.

"In 2013, the festival once again promises to showcase some of the region's finest artists and provide an opportunity to see some exceptional touring acts."

Emma Cooper, of events organisation Funny Looking Cat which will be in partnership with The Public, said: "For those who missed the excitement in 2012, they don't have to be disappointed for long, because we're back."

Details about events at The Public are at www.thepublic.com

Check your Calendar to see the girls reveal their story

THE global phenomenon Calendar Girls returns to Wolverhampton Grand next week after a record-breaking performance at the theatre in October last year.

Based on a true story and the smash hit film, Calendar Girls is quirky, poignant and hilarious show.

It tells the story of a group of women, all members of a Yorkshire WI,who became a world-wide phenomenom when they persuade one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference.

Birds of a Feather star, Lesley Joseph, plays the role of Miss October alongside a stellar cast that includes Kacey Ainsworth who played Little Mo in EastEnders, and Su Holderness who is best known as Marlene Boyce in the BBC's hugely popular Only Fools and Horses.

Kathryn Rooney returns as Miss September having starred in the West End production, and Hollyoaks star Kevin Sacre plays Lawrence, the photographer, alongside his wife Camilla Dallerup as Miss May.

Directed by Jack Ryder and with set design by Robert Jones, the show ought to be on everyone's calendar when it starts on Monday for one week only.

Volcano to erupt with sonnet play

IN celebration of its 25th anniversary, theatre production company Volcano is reviving its hit threesome based on Shakespeare's sonnets.

The new production of L.O.V.E. will play at the Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, on November 13 and 14 from 7.30pm.

In tribute to the original director and choreographer, Nigel Charnock, who died last month, the play is being restaged using the original design and choreography.

The company said it had been turned into a "bittersweet celebration". Tickets cost £9 (£7 concessions) on 01902 321 321.

Evanescence frontwoman Amy Lee struggles with fame

Cool mystery in fast world of rock

IN the fast-moving world of pop, Evanescence are something of an anomaly.

Every time they release an album it's treated as a comeback. That's not because they've split up and reformed, rather because they like to take their time.

Lead singer Amy Lee says: "People these days make records so fast –but I guess I really feel like the more important thing is making something really great.

"Our following has always been a little underground and we're not that thing that's on the radio all the time. There is an element of cool mysterious."

The Evanescence juggernaut has been working its way around the globe since 2011, when they released their third album, titled Evanescence, the follow-up to 2006s smash hit The Open Door. "I think that we were really lucky with Fallen and had a much bigger success than we could have planned for," the 30-year-old says.

"It's afforded me having things like a few years between records to make something truly inspired the next time around."

But the fame of the group – formed in 1995 in Little Rock, Arkansas – has hardened Lee.

"Whether it's a relationship or what you're wearing, or how much you weigh and what you said when you didn't mean it like – it's hard to be totally under the microscope," she says. "But I feel better about it now."

The sound of their latest self-titled album is not a huge departure from Fallen, but it was more of a 'group effort', Lee says ."

● Evanescence play Birmingham's NIA on Thursday and tickets are available from the venue.

Lighting up time as displays start

A SERIES of exhibitions is lighting up The Public in West Bromwich.

The exhibitions, a celebration of light and dark, run at the New Street venue until February 3.

They will feature a video projection inspired by the Icelandic volcano which wreaked travel havoc in 2010.

Other exhibitions include a selection of inspiring light-themed short films, Light Up Pedal Power, in which visitors are able to light up thousands of tiny lights using a dynamo, and Lights, an open exhibition for local photographers. The shows are free to visit.

Choir is in good voice for charity

A CHOIR made up of West Midlands Police officers will be supporting charities in the Black Country and Birmingham in the run-up to Christmas.

The Thin Blue Chorus Line will be performing at the Changing Our Lives Spotlight talent show finals at The Public and at Highbury Hall's Christmas craft fair on November 25.

Kings on stage

KINGS of Leon will play two gigs at the LG Arena in Birmingham next summer. The band will be at the venue on July 9 and 10. Tickets, at £45, £55 and £65, go on sale on Friday.

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The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance
BBC1, 9.15pm
The situation in the Middle East means that the sacrifices made by British soldiers are in many people's minds all year round. But that won't lessen the impact of the Festival of Remembrance. Among those taking part this year will be the Military Wives choir, formed last year by Gareth Malone; you may remember they also appeared at last year's service. This time around, they'll be joined on stage by former X Factor finalist and serving soldier Jonjo Kerr in a rendition of In My Dreams.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Lord Mayor's Show 2012. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Claudia Winkleman joins Tess Daly to present another ballroom battle as the pro-celebrity couples bid to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

8.05 **Merlin.** Morgana snatches Gwen and locks her in a magical tower, forcing Arthur and his knights to battle all manner of dangers as they set out to rescue the queen.

8.50 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** Scott Mills presents a performance by Susan Boyle, and pushes the button to set the balls rolling in the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.00 **BBC News**; Weather.

9.15 **The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance.** Annual event paying tribute to the victims of war and conflict, held at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Queen. With Rod Stewart, Russell Watson and Alexandra Burke.

10.50 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Aston Villa v Manchester United at Villa Park and Arsenal v Fulham at the Emirates Stadium; National Lottery Update.

12.10 The Football League Show. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20 Film:** Flying Down to Rio. (1933) **1.45** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Sue Barker presents coverage of day six from the O2 in London. **5.00** Live International Rugby Union. Ireland v South Africa (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 **Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special.** David Attenborough chooses the 10 endangered animals that he would most like to save from extinction, highlighting the work of biologists helping to keep them alive. (R)

8.30 **Dad's Army.** Corporal Jones misplaces £500 donated by local shopkeepers to provide a new canteen for servicemen, so the platoon tries to help him remember where he put it. (R)

9.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with Julia Zemiro, Sue Perkins, Ross Noble and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of jeopardy.

9.45 **The Making of QI.** An insight into the production of the popular comedy quiz show in which host Stephen Fry awards points to contestants who provide interesting answers to his questions. (R)

10.45 **Film: Perfect Sense.** (2011) Premiere. A chef and a scientist fall in love as an epidemic sweeps the world, robbing people of their ability to smell and taste. Romantic drama, with Ewan McGregor and Eva Green.

12.15 Film: The Night of the Generals. (1967) Second World War mystery, starring Peter O'Toole. **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** The Hive. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** The Avengers. **7.25** Rated A For Awesome. **7.40** Rated A For Awesome. **7.50** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.05** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.35** Shake It Up. **9.00** My Phone Genie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date: Australia. **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Countrywise. **12.45** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **1.45** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.45 Film:** Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi. (1983) **5.20** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.35** ITV News; Weather. **5.50** The Golden Rules of TV.

6.20 **New You've Been Framed!**

6.50 **Take Me Out.** A London saxophonist who tours with Olly Murs, an electrician from Pontefract in West Yorkshire, a Surrey beatboxer and a bike engineer from Cornwall take part in the dating show.

8.05 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the sixth live studio round as the remaining acts battle to win praise from the tough-talking judges and persuade viewers to pick up their phones and vote.

9.50 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Damian Lewis and Psy. Last in the series.

10.50 **ITV News**; Weather.

11.05 **Film: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift.** (2006) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black.

1.00 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) **6.20** The Treacle People. (R) **6.30** Beach Volleyball. (R) **7.25** British Rallycross. **7.50** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: The Crush. **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.25** T4: Suburgatory. **10.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** Deal or No Deal. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.25 **Channel 4 News.**

6.55 **4thought.tv.**

7.00 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A couple who have spent their savings on a prototype modular holiday home. Plus, a beach hut given running water and solar power, and gypsy caravans restored to their former glory. (R)

8.00 **Heston's Fantastical Food.** Heston Blumenthal super-sizes all manner of foodstuffs, beginning with breakfast, which includes the world's largest boiled egg, epic cereal and metre-long sausages. (R)

9.00 **Film: Knight and Day.** (2010) Premiere. A woman gets dragged into a rogue secret agent's mission to clear his name after he is framed as a traitor. Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise.

11.15 **Film: There's Something About Mary.** (1998) Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

1.30 Film: Viva Riva! (2010) **3.05** Hollyoaks. **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.10** The Removal Men. (R) **12.10** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.05** Rolf's Animal Clinic. (R) **2.05 Film:** The Accidental Witness. (2006) Thriller, starring Natasha Gregson Wagner and Currie Graham. **3.55 Film:** Wandering Eye. (2011) **5.40 Film:** Hell Boats. (1970)

7.25 **5 News Weekend.**

7.30 **Film: The Bridge at Remagen.** (1969) American soldiers are sent to capture a strategically vital bridge over the Rhine before German soldiers destroy it. Second World War adventure, with George Segal and Robert Vaughn.

9.45 **CSI: Miami.** Horatio and the team investigate the death of a janitor at a tennis academy and uncover evidence that someone at the establishment is a child molester.

10.45 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.** Part one of two. A man accused of murdering his wife and colleagues takes a woman hostage in a casino hotel room, forcing Brass to negotiate. Starring Paul Guilfoyle. (R)

11.40 **Forensic Files.** How forensic techniques help solve puzzling crimes. Detectives investigate whether a businessman has been killed deliberately during a robbery. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 International Rugby Union **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Pavlopetri – The City Beneath the Waves **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** Nigel Slater: Life Is Sweets **11.40** Do We Really Need the Moon?

ITV2
3.00 The X Factor USA **5.55 Film:** The Polar Express (2004) **7.50 Film:** Land of the Lost (2009) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Take Me Out – The Gossip **11.35** Celebrity Juice

ITV3
3.55 Goodnight Mister Tom **6.00** Murder, She Wrote **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.05 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4
3.10 Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1930) **5.55** The Sweeney **7.00** England's Greatest Goals **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Sudden Death (1995) **11.15** Hamish & Andy's Euro Gap Year

E4
3.30 Made in Chelsea **4.35** Baggage **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Rules of Engagement **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00 Film:** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)

Film4
3.15 Carry On Sergeant (1958) **4.55** The Wedding Planner (2001) **6.55** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller, Amy Adams and Steve Coogan. **9.00** Shallow Grave (1994) Thriller, with Ewan McGregor and Kerry Fox. **10.50** Kill List (2011)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 11.11.12

CHOICE

Tamsin Greig

Friday Night Dinner Channel 4, 10pm

Friday Night Dinner (season one) marked Channel 4's biggest comedy launch in the last seven years, and helped boost the already impressive careers of The Inbetweeners' Simon Bird, and ever-sublime Episodes star Tamsin Greig. This second run has been just as much fun, and in the final offering the lads return home to find the builders have been in and the house is in a complete mess. To make matters worse, there's a mouse loose, Mum has taken up refuge in the shed, and Dad is in charge of making dinner. Twitchy Jim nips round to see if he can help.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.25** Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.15** Sunday Politics. **1.30** Points of View. **1.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.10** Live International Rugby Union. **4.30** Remembrance Week. (R) **5.25** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Countryfile. A Remembrance Sunday special from the Forest of Dean.

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple leave, and violinist Andre Rieu performs.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents a Remembrance Day edition from Farnborough. Items include early designs for a flying machine and a letter written in the First World War trenches. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The modern age – from the world wars to now and beyond. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.35 The Graham Norton Show. With Cameron Diaz, Sarah Millican, Bradley Wiggins and Rod Stewart. (R)

12.20 Film: Masquerade. (1988) **1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: The Choir: Sing While You Work. (R) **2.55** Holby City. (R) **3.55** The Paradise. (R) **4.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Two Minute Silence. **11.05** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.05** Flog It! (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **4.50** Live International Rugby League.

7.00 Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph Highlights. David Dimbleby and Sophie Raworth present highlights of this morning's ceremony at the Cenotaph in London, where thousands of veterans took part in the traditional march past.

8.00 Operation Iceberg. First of two programmes in which a team of adventurers and scientists, including naturalist Chris Packham and diver Andy Torbet, visit the Arctic to explore the world of icebergs. (R)

9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas and products being pitched to the panel include a tablet computer, caravan covers, an oven-cleaning gadget and a backpack that can be used to tow children on ski slopes.

10.00 Harry & Paul. The Surgeons return to their youth as members of the Cambridge Footlights and the American Cops get arrested.

10.30 Hebburn. Sarah attempts to give Jack advice on his interview technique. (R)

11.00 Film: Soul Men. (2008) Premiere. A soul singing duo who have not spoken since falling out years ago travel across America to perform at a tribute concert. Comedy, starring Samuel L Jackson and Bernie Mac.

12.35 Film: Wonderful Town. (2007) Drama, starring Anchalee Saisoontorn. **2.05** BBC News.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Engie Benjy. **6.10** Special Agent Oso. **6.20** Special Agent Oso. **6.35** Signed Stories. (R) **6.45** Monk. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **7.25** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.50** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.00** Phineas and Ferb. **8.15** Phineas and Ferb. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** Good Luck Charlie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.30** The Unforgettable Sid James. (R) **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.10** Countrywise. **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel. (1967) **2.15** The X Factor. (R) **4.00** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** Downton Abbey. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Surprise Surprise. With Katherine Jenkins and Bradley Walsh.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Another elimination and more performances by chart-topping stars.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! New series. Ant and Dec present as a fresh batch of famous faces wave goodbye to their lives of luxury and set up home among the creepy-crawlies of the Australian jungle.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Geri Halliwell. The former Spice Girl is interviewed. (R)

11.45 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening pool matches.

12.40 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Motorsport UK. **3.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan. (R) **6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Extreme Sailing Series. **7.40** Cardiff Half Marathon. **8.05** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar. (R) **8.10** Will & Grace. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **2.35** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **3.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **3.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.10** Hugh's 3 Good Things. **4.40** The Forgotten Gunners of WW1: A Time Team Special. **5.45 Film:** Furry Vengeance. (2010)

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv.

8.00 How Britain Worked. Guy Martin and a team from the Black Country Living Museum restore a Newcomen engine, an 18th-century steam-powered device used principally to pump water out of mines.

9.00 Homeland. Brody agrees to work with Carrie and Quinn to stop an attack on America.

10.00 Friday Night Dinner. Mum takes refuge in the shed because there is a mouse in the house. Last in the series.

10.30 Derren Brown: Fear and Faith. Part one of two. The showman removes people's feelings of fear. (R)

11.35 Secret State. Political drama, starring Gabriel Byrne. (R)

12.35 C4 Comedy Presents: Them from That Thing. (R) **1.05** American Football Live. **4.45** Grudge Match. (R) **4.55** Countdown. (R) **5.40** Make Do & Mend. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Play! (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** ThunderCats. **11.00** 5 News: Remembrance Sunday. **11.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.05** Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan. (R) **1.05 Film:** Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild. (2005) **2.30 Film:** Cats & Dogs. (2001) **4.10 Film:** You've Got Mail. (1998)

6.25 5 News Weekend.

6.30 Film: Lost in Space. (1998) Sci-fi, starring William Hurt and Gary Oldman.

9.00 Film: Valkyrie. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based thriller, re-creating the 1944 plot by rebel German officers to assassinate Hitler using a briefcase bomb. Starring Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh and Bill Nighy.

11.25 Hatfields & McCoys. Three bounty hunters go after Anse and his sons. (R)

12.30 How Do They Do It? (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **7.55** Great Movie Mistakes **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Some Girls

BBC Four

7.00 Apples: British to the Core **8.00** Michael Wood: The Story of India **9.00** Legends: Roy Orbison – The "Big O" in Britain **10.00 Film:** The Bird with the Crystal Plumage (1970) **11.35** Michael Wood: The Story of India

ITV2

3.20 Film: The Flintstones (1994) **5.00** Take Me Out **6.10** Take Me Out – The Gossip **7.00 Film:** Dragonheart (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results **10.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** Girlfri3nds

ITV3

2.55 Albert's Memorial **4.25** David Jason **5.25** David Jason's Greatest Escapes **7.00** Housewife, 49 **9.00** Joe Maddison's War **10.50** A Touch of Frost

ITV4

3.45 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **6.00** British Touring Car Championship Review 2012 **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Mercury Rising (1998) **11.15 Film:** The Kingdom (2007)

E4

3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** Made in Chelsea **5.10** New Girl **5.40** Suburgatory **6.10** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **10.00** Misfits **11.00** The Work Experience

Film4

2.55 Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970) **5.45** The Rochdale Pioneers (2012) **7.10** The Spy Next Door (2010) **9.00** The Bank Job (2008) **11.10** Walter (1982)

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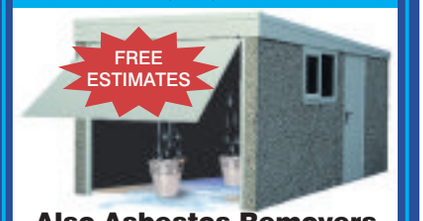

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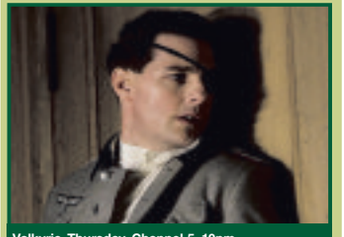
What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
Training Day, ITV1, 11.05pm
A cop embarks on his first day in narcotics, partnering a seasoned officer whose willingness to flout the rules forces him to question everything he has learnt. As they resort to extreme measures to crack a case, the rookie is left battling his conscience in a dangerous situation. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn and Tom Berenger. (2001)

Tuesday
Veronica Guerin, BBC1, 11.35pm
Fact-based drama about crime reporter Veronica Guerin, who set out to expose Ireland's crime lords but ended up paying the ultimate price. The film opens with the journalist's assassination, then looks back to trace her attempts to establish a link between Dublin's drug trade and infamous gangster Martin Cahill in the mid-1990s. Starring Cate Blanchett, Gerard McSorley, Ciaran Hinds and Brenda Fricker. (2003)

Wednesday
Erin Brockovich, Channel 5, 9pm
A single mother desperate for work pleads her way into a routine administrative job at a law firm. It is not long before she stumbles across mislaid documents about a case brought against a corporation for poisoning the residents of a small town by contaminating their water supply. Realising something is amiss, she begins her own investigation. Fact-based drama, with Julia Roberts in an Oscar-winning role, alongside Albert Finney and Aaron Eckhart. (2000)


Valkyrie, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm

Thursday
Valkyrie, Channel 5, 10pm
Fact-based thriller, re-creating the 1944 plot to assassinate Hitler using a briefcase bomb. As the tide of the Second World War turns in favour of the Allies, a group of senior German officers recruits war hero Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg to spearhead an attempt on the Fuehrer's life. Starring Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Carice van Houten, Thomas Kretschmann, Terence Stamp and Eddie Izzard. (2008)

Friday
Wanted, ITV1, 10.35pm
A frustrated everyman learns his father was a member of a secret society of superpowered assassins dedicated to eliminating people who are destined to commit acts of evil in the future. Having inherited his father's special abilities, he is recruited into the organisation and must take on a former member who has betrayed it. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Celebrities launch into a new jungle challenge

Ant and Dec return for a new run of the series that dozens of critics love to ridicule, but millions of us can't get enough of.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the show which successfully mashed up Celebrity Big Brother with Survivor and became one of the most talked about shows on TV.

In 2002, the powers that be at ITV first discussed the seemingly absurd idea of taking a handful of headline-grabbing celebrities, cutting off their home comforts and throwing them in to the middle of a beastie-inhabited Australian jungle.

"It'll never work" cried a groaning public. How wrong we seemingly were.

Admittedly there are plenty of celebrities we'd love to throw in the jungle never to see a trace of again.

But we'll happily settle for the next best thing – sending them into the claustrophobic rat-ridden pits, swimming through snake-infested swamps or having them served up a three-course meal of the jungle menu's finest delicacies.

As usual, ITV is keeping it under wraps exactly who will be putting themselves at the mercy of the jungle, but so far those rumoured to be in the running include former Corrie girl Helen Flanagan, Olympic swimmer Rebecca Adlington, darts ace Eric Bristow, former Pussycat Doll Ashley Roberts, actress Linda Robson (Birds of a Feather), and, stretching the Celebrity tag to breaking point, Kate Middleton's burlesque stripper cousin Katrina Darling. (No, we haven't got a clue either).

While some celebs may have come across as big girl's blouses during the trials, former contestant Jennie Bond proved she was made of tougher stuff.

"I'm A Celebrity… was the most life changing part of my career," recalls the ex-BBC Royal Correspondent. "Being buried in a coffin and covered in rats for the show was enough to give many folks nightmares, but Jennie took it all in her stride.

"They said: 'Creatures would come in…' and I thought: 'Okay, that's rats. I can handle that.' I was thinking about snakes and how I was going to tackle the snakes coming in, and they never did. So it was mind over matter really."

Christopher Biggins also has 'fond' memories of his time in the jungle. "I loved every minute of it, I wouldn't have missed it for the world – and I'd never do it again." he laughs with that trademark cackle.

"It was very, very tough. The boredom is the biggest thing. There's nothing to do, nothing to read, nothing to write with, nothing to watch, all you have is your fellow contestants, and you long to go out and be covered in rats or something because it relieves the boredom."

Ah yes, the boredom. Something Dom Joly also had a problem with. "It seems to go on forever," he remarks.

"You get up so early and the only sort of saving grace is you go to bed as early as possible to try and get it to finish."

Messrs McPartlin and Donnelly will also be opting for an early night as they have to be up at the crack of dawn to present our evening launch show, before possibly retiring to the hotel pool, or more likely a couple of hours on the golf course.

A hard life isn't it lads?

Ant and Dec host I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!, Sunday, ITV1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
The All New Gadget Show
Channel 5, 8pm
Jason Bradbury and Pollyanna Woodward continue their tech-led trek across the globe, making a stop in the spectacular surroundings of Iceland. During a whale-watching trip, they test out the latest binoculars and back on dry land, turn their attention to geothermal technology. After their sojourn in the wilderness, it's time to sample the country's urban landscape. In Reykjavik, they ditch the expensive gadgets to concentrate on budget alternatives – laptops are put through their paces before sampling cloud storage solutions. Part-travelogue, part-consumer show, this series continues to go from strength to strength and is a must for those trying desperately to keep up with the latest technological developments.

Full English
Channel 4, 10.50pm
When it comes to sitcoms, the Brits can generally hold their own against the US, except in one area – animation. However, Full English is here to restore some of our natural pride and show we can take on the likes of Family Guy and The Simpsons. The IT Crowd's Richard Ayoade provides the voice of Edgar Johnson, who shares his home with wife Wendy (Rosie Cavaliero), moody teenage daughter Eve (Daisy Haggard), and sons Dusty and Jason (both voiced by Facejacker's Kayvan Novak). In the first episode, Eve enters her band, Bloodmonkey, into Britain's Got Talent and does unexpectedly well – not because she's any good, but because Simon Cowell mistakenly thinks she's an orphan.

Tuesday
The Paradise
BBC1, 9pm
This latest offering from the Beeb seems to have worked wonders for rising starlet Joanna Vanderham – so now that we've reached the last episode of the series, here's hoping the offers come rolling in for her. The wedding is fast approaching but will there be a happy ending for anyone? It looks doubtful, as a shocking discovery in the dead of night sends shockwaves through the Paradise. Moray puts together a party for the staff to celebrate his marriage, but instead he realises where his heart lies. So he has a decision to make.

Wednesday
The Hour
BBC2, 9pm
Following a barnstorming debut series last year, we're thrilled to see this newsroom drama back – it's intelligent, informative and features some fantastic acting from a talented ensemble cast – basically all the things you want from a good programme. It's now November 1957, and Freddie has gone travelling, leaving Hector and Bel to keep The Hour going. But new boss Randall Brown has a trick up his sleeve that will shake them both up. However, Hector seems more interested in using his newfound celebrity status to rub shoulders with Soho's glitterati, in particular a beautiful showgirl called Kiki. Dominic West stars.

Children in Need 2012, Friday, BBC1, 7.30pm

Thursday
Young Apprentice
BBC1, 8pm
Although the main series of The Apprentice steals the limelight, this version, comprising of younger hopefuls, never fails to make for compelling viewing. There's something incredibly satisfying about seeing the next crop of talented business brains getting a platform on which to prove their talents – and also, let's be honest, to see precocious, over-confident youngsters put in their place. There's plenty of drama in this week's challenge as Alan Sugar calls the two teams to the home of the English National Opera, the London Coliseum, where he sets them a daunting task. They are sent into London with a list of 10 theatrical props that they must find.

Hebburn
BBC2, 10pm
Once we'd got over the initial confusion of Jim Moir and Vic Reeves being one and the same person, this sitcom has proved to be a real winner. This week, Jack, who thought he'd escaped journalism when it looked like his book about Gazza was going to be a bestseller, starts his new job as the editor of the Hebburn Advertiser.

Friday
Children in Need 2012
BBC1, 7.30pm
Arguably the biggest and most difficult live TV event of the year is this charity telethon. However, one man who seems to thrive on such occasions is veteran presenter Terry Wogan, who this time around will be joined by co-hosts Tess Daly and Fearne Cotton. They'll be introducing performances from the likes of One Direction, Susan Boyle and Girls Aloud, while Britain's Got Talent winner Pudsey the dog joins Pudsey Bear for an unforgettable moment. Appearing in a Strictly Come Dancing special are Ann Widdecombe and Russell Grant, and there's a chance to see a prequel to the Doctor Who Christmas special, starring Matt Smith.

Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild
BBC2, 9pm
It's amazing to think that all David Attenborough's accomplishments have been achieved by just once person. His career spans a lifetime, which is a notion that's made all the more surprising when you look at many of today's flash-in-the-pan celebs. There's no doubt that he's one of the greatest broadcasters of all time, and even today at the age of 86 he's still making must-see programmes. In this new three-parter, Attenborough reflects upon his celebrated TV career, charting the changes in the natural world and in peoples' understanding of the planet, as well as focusing on the developments in wildlife film-making. In the first episode, he looks back on some of the incredible animal encounters which have punctuated his career.

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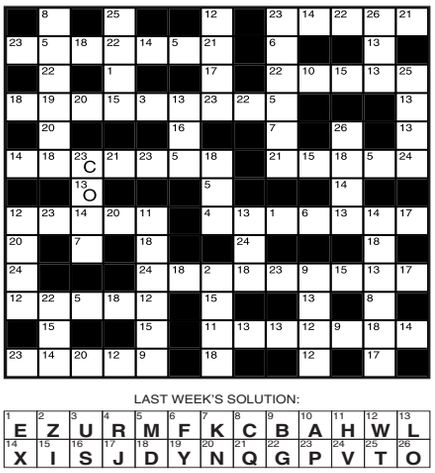

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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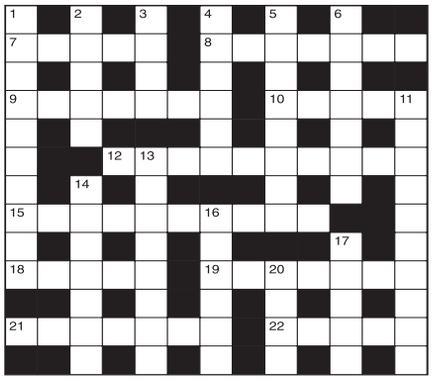

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Book a strong man (5)
8. One way to succeed (7)
9. A way of putting things, just in case (7)
10. Quarrelsome oarsman? (5)
12. Such a fight will be close (4-2-4)
15. Having the support of the board though too old to work (2,3,5)
18. A temple ornament? (5)
19. One who's made a pretence a reality, apparently! (7)
21. She has to call back - at the paint shop presumably (7)
22. Material found in many London shops (5)

Down

1. Openly enjoying a stay in the country? (7,3)
2. Not busy with coal (5)
3. Wine that sparkles as it rises (4)
4. Given hot tips at the barber's? (6)
5. Partly burn a fuel that draws well (8)
6. It gives lift for a flier over an obstacle (4-3)
11. A fishy diversion (3,7)
13. Agreeable variety of bean meal (8)
14. Cooked me instead! (7)
16. Hunch about a piece of venison (6)
17. It helps to provide a cheap pleasant snack (5)
20. Vessels of the Royal Navy in America (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Regional (5)
8. Junior (7)
9. Wealthy (7)
10. Entrances (5)
12. Gambler (10)
15. Inverted (6-4)
18. Attire (5)
19. Portion (7)
21. Secret (7)
22. Angry (5)

Down

1. Tracking dog (10)
2. Happen (5)
3. Otherwise (4)
4. Occult (6)
5. One-storey house (8)
6. Stir (7)
11. Make firmer (10)
13. Statue base (8)
14. Austere (7)
16. Disperse (6)
17. Lawful (5)
20. Stern (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Assignees; 8 Use; 9 Fingerprint; 11 Organic; 12 Exact; 13 Estate; 15 Editor; 17 Spurn; 18 Insipid; 20 Sounding out; 22 Hoe; 23 Endowment. Down: 2 Ski; 3 Green; 4 Expect; 5 Stipend; 6 Puts a stop to; 7 Dead tired; 10 Night nurses; 11 Oversight; 14 Tonsure; 16 Minded; 19 Sinew; 21 Urn. QUICK - Across: 1 Unscathed; 8 Eye; 9 Encouraging; 11 Collect; 12 Drain; 13 Equity; 15 Regale; 17 Grasp; 18 Egotist; 20 Inconstancy; 22 Ado; 23 Lingering. Down: 2 Nun; 3 Acute; 4 Hearty; 5 Dwindle; 6 Degradation; 7 Dependent; 10 Calculation; 11 Clergyman; 14 Typical; 16 Pennon; 19 Outre; 21 Can.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	5	4	1	9	2	3	7	8
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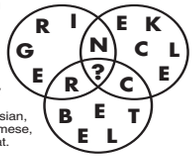
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is S. Persian, snowshoe, siamese, all breeds of cat.

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Three schemes at Crest Nicholson's Park Central development, Birmingham city centre – FirstBuy, EasyBuy and NewBuy – are aimed at first time buyers struggling for deposits of about £25,000 (the average currently needed for a deposit in the area).

Under initiatives at Park Central, buyers need a deposit of five per cent, meaning that this figure could fall by over two thirds.

Research revealed more than a third of potential buyers are trapped in rented accommodation because they cannot afford large deposits required by lenders in addition to constantly rising rents.

Ruth Williams, Park Central sales manager, said that to help cut the amount needed for a deposit they had two equity loan schemes at Park Central – FirstBuy and EasyBuy. A common worry surrounding the schemes was that buyers thought they won't own 100 per cent of their home, but this was not the case.

"Under the government's FirstBuy scheme, purchasers can own 100 per cent of their dream home for just 80 per cent of the cost.

"What's even better is that the deposit needed under FirstBuy is just five per cent, meaning you can buy a two bedroom stylish apartment at Park Central with a deposit of just £7,200," she said.

Under FirstBuy a two bedroom apartment in the Trinity building can be bought for £115,000 – made up of a 75 per cent mortgage, plus a five per cent deposit – with the remaining 20 per cent covered by an equity loan offered by Crest Nicholson and the Housing and Communities Agency (HCA) – free for the first five years.

For those not qualifying for FirstBuy, Crest Nicholson has launched an equity local scheme called EasyBuy at Park Central.

For people not wishing to buy in an equity loan scheme, but still looking to buy with a deposit of five per cent, Crest Nicholson has the government's NewBuy scheme.

This gives a 95 per cent mortgage with Nationwide. Schemes were launched for Trinity building two bedroom apartments.

For information or to view call 0121 666 4666, visit the marketing suite, open daily 10am-5pm at Park Central, Spring Street, Birmingham B15 2GD or go to **park-central.co.uk**

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WARLEY WOODS AREA

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OFFERS AROUND £265,000

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BEARWOOD AREA

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On the ground floor the lounge, 12ft 3in by 13ft 6in, has a feature fireplace with inset living flame gas fire.

Verandah

The dining room area is 11ft 9in by 8ft 10in and the kitchen – 8ft 7in by 8ft 5in – has a selection of wall and base units with roll edge work tops, one-and-a-half bowl sink and drainer with mixer tap and integral cooker and hob.

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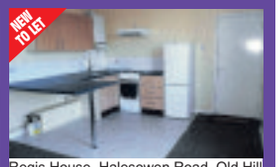
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3 bedroom home with conservatory
Lounge, dining room & kitchen
Garage & blockpaved driveway
Rear garden with private aspect
Cul-de-sac location
UPVC DG & GCH
£164,995 Ref: D1235

PRINCES WAY, OLDBURY

Spacious 3 double bedroom home
15ft lounge/diner & UPVC conservatory
Fitted kitchen & downstairs WC
Family bathroom & ensuite shower rm
Parking spaces in cul-de-sac location
UPVC DG & GCH
£149,950 Ref: D1207

LONG LANE, HALESOWEN

Top floor flat with parking
1 double bedroom & shower room
12ft8 lounge diner & kitchen
Night storage heating
Low ground rent of £50 pa
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WEDNESBURY
PEMBERTON CRESCENT

- Stunning 5 Bed
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Downstairs WC
- En-suite
- Amazing Kitchen
- Open Plan
- Viewing Essential

£249,950

GREAT BARR
INGESTRE DRIVE

- 3 Bed Link-Detached
- Open Plan L-Shape Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £229,950

NO CHAIN

DUDLEY PORT
JOHNS LANE

- 3 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guest W.C.
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- NO CHAIN

£159,950

Stella Grove
Great Barr

- Extended Three Bed Semi
- Through Lounge
- Extended Fitted Breakfast/Kitchen
- High Specification Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Majority Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Large Enclosed Rear Gar-

Offers in excess £159,950

Blenheim Drive
Great Barr

- Four Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Separate W.C.
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£157,000

Jayshaw Avenue
Great Barr

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Driveway with off road parking
- Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Side passage Extension

Offers in excess of £155,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
BARTLETT CLOSE

- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility
- Downstairs WC
- Detached Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

£134,950

WEDNESBURY
ROUGH HAY ROAD

- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Study
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Viewing Essential

£134,950

HANDSWORTH
CALTHORPE ROAD

- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Entrance Porch
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility/Out Buildings
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

In Region of £129,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
VICARAGE ROAD

- 3 Bedrooms
- End Terraced
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Terrace
- Well Decorated
- Viewing Essential

£129,950

Chelmorton Road
Great Barr

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Through Lounge/Dining Room & Study
- Kitchen
- Sun Room
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Rear Garden

Offers in excess of £125,000

Kingstanding Road
Kingstanding

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached

Through Lounge/Dining Room

Inner Hall/Study

Extended Kitchen

Three Bedrooms

Family Bathroom

Double Glazing & Gas Cen-

£122,500

GREAT BARR
KINGS ROAD

- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

In Excess of £120,000

Thornbridge Avenue
Great Barr

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Refitted Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

In the Region of £119,500

NEW

DARLASTON
CAMOMILE CLOSE

- 2 Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Recently Refurbished
- Very Well Presented
- Great Location

£119,500

WEDNESBURY
PAUL STREET

- 3 beds
- 2x reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Private parking
- DG & GCH

£118,500

TIPTON
BERNARD ROAD

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Future Development Potential
- Viewing Essential

Offers in excess £110,000

NEW

WEDNESBURY
HILTON STREET

- Extended Semi
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Essential

£110,000

NO CHAIN

WEST BROM
PINGLE CLOSE

- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£107,500

NEW

WEDNESBURY
ALDRIDGE STREET

- 3 Bedroom
- Fully Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Views Across the Green

£99,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
BRUNSWICK PARK

- 3 Bedroom
- Mid Terraced
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Views Across Park
- DG & GCH
- NO CHAIN

£90,000

NEW

WEDNESBURY
QUEEN STREET

Semi Detached

Three Bedrooms

Two Reception Rooms

Fully Fitted Breakfast Kitchen

Newly Refurbished

Downstairs Family Bathroom

Secure Rear Garden

£90,000

WEDNESBURY
COBDEN STREET

- Mid Terraced
- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Utility room
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

£80,000

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
CROSS STREET

- Coach House Apartment
- 1 Bedroom
- First Floor
- Private Parking
- Shared Gardens
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

£74,950

Slaney Road
Walsall

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Maisonette
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage
- Shared Communal Gardens
- Council Tax Band: band A

Offers in excess of £60,000

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
MANIFOLD WAY

- 1 Bedroom
- Apartment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN
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- Conservatory
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£695 PCM

GREAT BARR CORONATION ROAD

- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended to Rear
- Fitted Kitchen/Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

£625 PCM

Hembs Crescent Great Barr

- Extended Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Study
- Downstairs Shower and W.C.
- Garage
- Fitted Kitchen
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
- C.Heating/ Part

£625 PCM

KINGSTANDING HAWTHORN ROAD
LET

- A three bedroom detached family home
- Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, bathroom
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Garage
- Rear garden, off-road parking

£615 PCM

WEDNESBURY, BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD

- Three Bedrooms
- Detached House
- Downstairs WC
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£550 PCM

Great Barr Birdbrook Road
LET

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Lean-to/Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Part Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage to the Rear

£500 PCM

TIPTON, CATHERTON CLOSE
LET

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached House
- Fully Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- SORRY NO DHSS

£495 PCM

HILL TOP TAME STREET,

- Two Bedrooms
- Secure Buzzer Entrance
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Entrance Hallway
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

Smiths Flour Mill Walsall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- D.Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Secure Entrance

£475 PCM

TIPTON HURST LANE,

- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor
- Entrance Hallway
- Allocation Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£475 PCM

DUDLEY OLD COURT HOUSE,

- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

TIPTON ELIZABETH WALK,

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Shower
- Room
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY DURHAM ROAD
LET

- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

WEDNESBURY LOWER HIGH STREET,

- Three Bedrooms
- Private Entrance
- Fully Fitted Kitchen Diner
- Sorry No DHSS

450 PCM

West Bromwich Road Walsall
LET

- Two Bed Terraced House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing & Central Hetaing

£425 PCM

DARLASTON PINFOLD STREET
NEW

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sorry NO DHSS

£395 PCM

DARLASTON WESTBOURNE COURT,

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Double Glazing
- Fantastic Condition
- Seperate Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£395 PCM

DARLASTON KINGS HILL MEWS,

- One Bedroom
- Lounge with Dining Area
- Seperate Fitted Kitchen
- Part Furnished
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£395 PCM

WEDNESBURY PHOENIX RISE,

- One Bedroom
- First Floor
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- SORRY NO DHSS

£330 PCM

WEDNESBURY TALBOT HOUSE,
NEW

- One Bedroom
- Good Condition
- Shared Parking
- Town Centre Location
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£325 PCM

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BIRCHLEY PARK AVENUE, OLDBURY

- A well presented modern semi
- Situated close to Junction 2 of the M5 motorway
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- En suite shower room
- House bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens

Offers based on £149,950

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BRADES RISE, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented detached residence
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms (master with en suite)
- Integral garage, gardens
- Internal inspection recommended

Offers based on £199,950

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PARKFIELD ROAD, OLDBURY

- Extended traditional semi
- 2 reception rooms, extended kitchen
- 3 bedrooms, double garage to rear
- Popular locality close to Wolverhampton Road

Offers based on £154,950

Viewing: Bearwood Branch

REDUCED

HALES LANE, SMETHWICK

- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Good size family accommodation
- Three spacious bedrooms
- Loft conversion/Occasional Bedroom 4
- Fully tiled bathroom with individual shower
- Hall, through lounge & separate dining room
- Kitchen, utility and downstairs W.C.
- Extensive gardens with off-street parking and garage

OFFERS BASED ON £146,950

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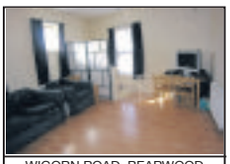

WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- First floor leasehold flat
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan fitted kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom
- On the doorstep of Bearwood High Street
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Ideal for first time buyers

Offers based on £75,000 was £79,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

FOWLER CLOSE, SMETHWICK

- Freehold detached property
- Located close to Smethwick High Street
- Central heating and PVC double glazing
- 3 bedrooms and bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Hall, lounge and open plan dining/kitchen
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for two cars

Offers based on £149,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

274 TENNAL ROAD, HARBORNE

- Pleasant established residential location
- Much improved traditional freehold residence
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, dining room and spacious lounge
- Good size kitchen
- Gardens and off-street parking
- Easy reach Harborne Village
- Good access City Centre

Offers based on £159,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LABURNUM AVENUE, SMETHWICK

- Substantial extended end town house
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Easy access to Bearwood and Smethwick town centres
- Four bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Two reception rooms, dining room, kitchen, downstairs shower room and conservatory
- Off-street parking for four cars

Offers based on £157,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

DOG KENNEL LANE, OLDBURY

- An extended deceptively spacious semi
- Two reception rooms and dining room
- Conservatory, four bedrooms
- Integral garage
- Good sized rear garden

Offers based on £229,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

- Traditional style freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Deceptively spacious, much improved and well presented accommodation
- Three bedrooms & fully tiled refitted bathroom
- Hall, attractive lounge and fitted dining/kitchen
- Downstairs cloaks and W.C.
- Gardens, garage and ample off-street parking
- Popular established residential location

Offers based on £132,500

Viewing Bearwood Office

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LINCOLN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre

Offers based on £112,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

26 RIDGEWAY, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom with shower
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £111,950

Viewing: Bearwood Offie

18 Weston Road, Bearwood

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Close to Bearwood High Street, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Well heated with electric storage heating
- PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms, kitchen and bathroom
- Neatly laid out garden
- IN NEED OF COSMETIC IMPROVEMENT

Offers based on: £115,000

Viewing: Bearwood

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66 RAWLINGS ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Mid-terraced freehold propety
- Close proximity to Bearwood High Street and easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Lounge, dining room and refitted kitchen
- Garden to the rear
- Ideally suited for first time buyers
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £117,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

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MARLBOROUGH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Pleasant established residential location
- Traditional freehold terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, separate dining room and kitchen
- Established gardens
- Close to High Street facilities
- Easy access city centre
- Some further improvement required

Offers based on £109,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

11 LOXLEY ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Immaculate and most carefully maintained
- Double glazing, central heating and burglar alarm
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Hall, lounge, separate dining room & fitted kitchen
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Sought after residential location

Offers based on £162,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

- An excellently presented traditional semi
- much improved
- spacious through lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- well appointed bathroom
- large double garage
- internal inspection recommended.

Offers based on: £116,500

Viewing via: Bearwood Office

MARLBOROUGH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Mid-terraced freehold property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Close proximity to Bearwood shopping centre, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom to first floor
- Dining room, lounge, kitchen and utility
- Ideal for first time purchasers
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £124,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

WATERLOO ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Traditional freehold villa
- Well maintained original features
- Deceptively spacious family accommodation
- Three bedrooms and bathroom to first floor
- Through hall, two living rooms, good size kitchen and shower room downstairs
- Nice location opposite Hadley Sports Stadium
- Centrally heated, double glazed and alarmed
- Comprehensive amenities virtually on the doorstep

Offers based on £134,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

SELSEY ROAD, EDGBASTON

- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious bathroom with mixer shower unit
- Split level through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Neatly laid out gardens
- SENSIBLY PRICED

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

VERNON ROAD, OLDBURY

- Excellently presented traditional terraced
- 2 reception rooms
- 3 bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Garden
- Internal inspection highly recommended

Offers based on £94,950

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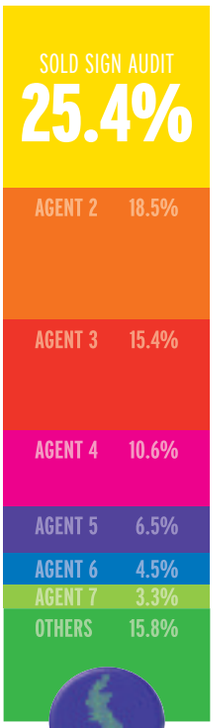

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£230,000

Wednesbury

Carisbrooke Road

Three bedroom mid terrace property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Central Heating and Single Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens.

£72,000

West Bromwich

Whittington Close

Well Presented First Floor Maisonette. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended.

£75,000

Wednesbury

Coronation Road

Well Presented Mid Terrace Property, Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Up Stairs Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden. Viewing essential.

OIEO £90,000

West Bromwich

Canterbury Road

Three bedroom semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing.

£95,000

West Bromwich

Radnor Green

Two Bedroom Spacious Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing.

£95,000

West Bromwich

Ash Drive

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Central heating and Double Glazing, Front And Rear Gardens and Garage. Offering No Upward Chain. Viewing is essential.

£110,000

West Bromwich

Julia Gardens

Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Garage, Front and Rear Garden.

£110,000

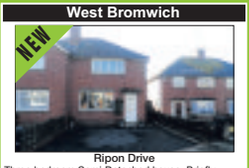
Wednesbury

Crankhall Lane

WortonKelly (WK) The Premier Estate Agents In West Bromwich Are Pleased To Offer For Sale This Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Conservatory, Central Heating and Double Glazing where specified, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden and Alarmed. No upwards chain.

£110,000

West Bromwich



Ripon Drive

Three bedroom Semi-Detached house. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Down Stairs Bathroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens, Central Heating and Double Glazing. NO UPWARDS CHAIN.

£110,000

Wednesbury

Price Road

Four Bedroomed Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Four Bedrooms, Lounge, Kitchen, Diner, Down Stairs Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Free Hold. This property is essential to view.

OIRO £115,000

West Bromwich

Gorsty Close

Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathrooms, Off Road Parking, Double Glazed and Central Heating.

£120,000

West Bromwich

Navigation Lane

Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Property, Briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden. Viewing essential.

£120,000

West Bromwich

Lones Road

End Terrace Property. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Lounge, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing and Rear Gardens.

£120,000

West Bromwich

Elford Road

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Central Heated and Double Glazed.

£125,000

West Bromwich

Hydes Road

Well Presented Semi-Detached House. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, Two Receptions, Clock Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen Two Bathrooms, Garage and Front And Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended.

£125,000

West Bromwich

Hollyhedge Road

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Front and Rear Gardens Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing.

£134,950

West Bromwich

Stanley Road

Immaculately Presented Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of Through Lounge, Extended Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Double Garage At Rear, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property.

OIEO £145,000

West Bromwich

Ebrington Road

Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens. Viewing recommended.

£160,000

West Bromwich

Haywoods Farm

Spacious, Detached Family Home offering Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms with En-Suite to master, Family Bathroom, Large Driveway, and Garage to front Rear Garden area . Viewing is essential to appreciate this property.

£170,000

West Bromwich

York Crescent

3/4 bedroom property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Cloakroom, Second Reception Room or Fourth Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, En suite, Family Bathroom, Rear Gardens and Double Glazing and Central Heating.

£170,000

West Bromwich

Hydes Road

Well Presented Four Bedroom Detached House. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Area, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms, En-suite to Master, Family Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Central Heating & Double Glazed with Off Road Parking. Viewing Highly Recommended.

£180,000

West Bromwich

Walsall Road

Immaculately Presented Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow. The Property briefly comprisies of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with Utility, Cloakroom, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Central Heating & Double Glazed, Front & Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended.

£235,000

West Bromwich

Charlemont Road

A Well Presented One Bedroom Flat. Briefly comprising of Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, One Bedroom, Study and Two Shower Rooms. 6 Months - Long Term. Available Immediately. DSS Considered

£400 PCM

Tame Bridge

Pimpernel Drive

A Two Bedroom Terraced Property briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Private Rear Garden and Driveway to Front. Available Immediately from 6 months to Long Term - DSS Considered

£500 PCM

West Bromwich

Sheridon Street

Three Bedroom Mid terraced property. Briefly comprising of , Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Down Stairs Family Bathrooms, Three Bedrooms and Rear Garden. Double Glazed and Central Heating. Available immediately 6 months to long term. Viewing highly recommended, DSS considered.

£550 PCM

West Bromwich

Vicarage Road

Well presented three bedroom mid terrace property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Modern Kitchen, Three Good Size Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Rear Garden.

£550

Oldbury

Bromford Road

Executive Two Bedroom Modern Apartment located on the first floor of the block. The property briefly comprising of Two Bedrooms and Master having En Suite, Large Lounge, Modern Kitchen, Communal Parking, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Available from November for six months to long term.

£595

West Bromwich

Vale Street

End terrace property. Briefly comprising of Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Two Being Double and One Being Single, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Available immediately for six months to long term.

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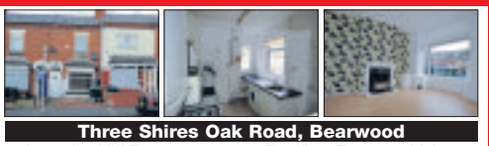
- Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Furnished
- Ideal For Schools
- Close To Bearwood
- Must Be Viewed

£525 PCM

Oakwood Road, Smethwick
- Excellent Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Attic /Study Room
- Furnished
- Garage
- Must Be Viewed

£525 PCM



Three Shires Oak Road, Bearwood
- Attractive Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Excellent Transport Links
- Off Bearwood High St.
- Must Be Viewed

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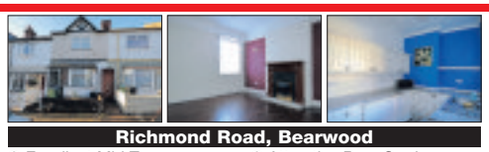

Richmond Road, Bearwood
- Excellent Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Part Furnished
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Off Bearwood High Street
- Excellent Transport Links

£550 PCM

Watsons Green Road, Dudley
- Attractive Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Central To Local Schools
- Short Walk To Dudley

£550 PCM

Overdale Road, Quinton
- Large Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
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- Excellent Transport Links
- Close To Harborne Village

£550 PCM

Bishopton Road, Bearwood
- Excellent Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Off Bearwood High Street
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£625 PCM

Quinton Road West, Quinton
- Excellent Family Home
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- Interconnecting Reception Rooms
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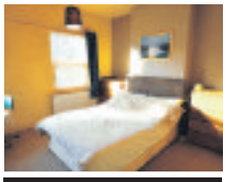
- Generously Sized Garden with Summer House
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £137,950



Arden Road, Smethwick
- A Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Deceptively Spacious
- Two Reception Rooms
- An Upstairs Study
- Pleasant Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £99,950

Dunsford Road, Bearwood
- Two Double Bed End Terrace
- Contemporary Styled
- Close to Amenities
- Spacious Bathroom
- Southerly Rear Garden
- Must be Viewed!

Offers in the region of £123,500

Richmond Road, Bearwood
- An Elegant Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Period Features
- Attractive Kitchen
- Well Appointed Bathroom
- Pleasant Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £126,950

Katherine Road, Bearwood

- Delightful Traditional Terracee
- Character Features
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Lovely Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £129,950

Milcote Road, Bearwood

- A Traditional Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Useful Utility with W.C.

Offers in the region of £119,950

Merrivale Road, Bearwood

- A Traditional Terrace Property
- Tastefully Decorated Throughout
- Two Double Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £117,500

Sydney Road, Bearwood

- A Three Bed Semi Detached
- Exceptionally Well Presented
- Three Reception Rooms
- No Chain

Offers in the region of £154,950

Upper St Marys Road, Bearwood

- A Delightful Mid Terrace
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Through Lounge
- Pleasant Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £139,950

Eva Road, Oldbury

- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Requiring Modernisation
- Extensive Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £99,950

Pritchard Close, Smethwick

- A Purpose Built Duplex Flat
- Three Bedrooms
- Allocated Off Road Parking
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Davis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain, canal to rear and sought after location. Occupying a good size corner plot whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, through lounge, modern fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, modern shower room, driveway to front, large garage to side and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£99,995**

Humphries Crescent, Bilston — NEW

Purpose built ground floor flat offering gas central heating, upvc double glazing and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£49,950**

William Barrows Way, Tipton — NEW

Ex-Show Home Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and builders guarantee. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen / family room, utility room, 4 double bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage and rear good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£249,950**

Lower City Road, Oldbury — NEW

Individual Traditional EXtended Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to side / rear. Well presented accommodation briefly comprises, vestibule, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, side porch, downstairs bathroom, good size 3 bedrooms, upstairs guest toilet, block paved driveway, side garage and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£219,995**

Castle Road, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Detached Bungalow situated in a most sought after location. Offering gas central heating, double glazing, no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, side garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£159,950**

Furnace Parade, Tipton — NEW

Extended Detached property offering gas central heating, no upward chain, extension to rear and briefly comprising, porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, side garage and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£114,995**

Old Port Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern 3 storey end town house offering gas central heating, spacious family accommodation and canal views. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, 5 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£124,950**

Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached offering gas central heating and no upward chain. Situated in a popular location whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, rear porch, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, side driveway, back to back garages and gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£124,950**

Cherry Road, Tipton

PUBLIC NOTICE:- 7 Cherry Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 9RL. We are acting for the mortgagees in possession and have received an offer of £58,000 for the above mentioned property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the agent before exchange of contracts takes place. Paul Dubberley and Co, 73 Great bridge, Tipton, DY4 7HF Tel:- 0121 522 3733.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£64,950**

Bridge Avenue, Tipton — REDUCED

Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£47,950**

Mansion Drive, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & garage conversion. Situated on a sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, crete-print driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£139,995**

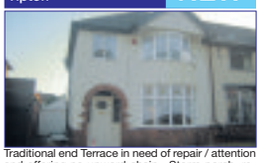
Avern Close, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£86,950**

Fernwood Croft, Tipton — NEW

Purpose built first floor flat in need of repair / attention. Spacious accommodation briefly comprises, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and fore garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£47,500**

Madin Road, Tipton — NEW

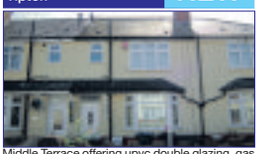


Traditional end Terrace in need of repair / attention and offering no upward chain. Storm porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, modern bathroom, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£74,950**

Peak Drive, Dudley — NEW

First Floor flat offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room and resident parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£62,950**

Moat Road, Tipton — NEW



Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, front and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£64,950**

Orchard Street, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Extended Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear. Cul De Sac location whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, utility room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£82,950**

Hempole Lane, Tipton — NEW

Modern semi detached offering some upvc double glazing, electric heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway for 2 cars and front /rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£89,950**

Pinfold Street, Oldbury — NEW

An Impressive Modern Apartment offering Excellent Location for Amenities and Transport Links including Oldbury Town Centre, Sandwell & Dudley Train Station and M5 junction 2. This well present apartment is situated on the 2nd floor and benefits from Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Cloak Cupboard, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC with Shower over Bath and (Electrically) Gated Allocated Parking.
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Theodore Close, Oldbury — NEW

An Immaculately Presented Semi Detached House within this quiet crescent. Refurbished to a high standard and benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Front & Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Side Garage with WC off.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£139,995**

Warstone Drive, West Bromwich — REDUCED

★★★ Reduced by £20,000- Block viewing Saturday 10th November. Call to Register your Details ★★★ A Rare Opportuntiy to Purchase this Delightful Detached Property within the highly sought after cul de sac of Warstone Drive. Excellent Views.
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Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Well Presented Extended Semi Detached House. Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Porch, Enclosed Vestibule, Lounge, Open Plan Extended Kitchen/ Diner, Utility with WC, Large Ground Floor Bedroom, 2 Further First Floor Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage to Rear.
OFFERS IN EXCESS :
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£117,500**

Denbigh Drive, West Bromwich — REDUCED

An Attractively Priced Modern 3 Storey Property offering Excellent Family Sized Accommodation. Benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Utility, Bedroom 3/ Study, 1st Floor Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Floor Master Bedroom with En Suite, Bedroom 3, Good Size Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£109,950**

Hydes Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Well Presented, Extended Semi Detached House. Centrally Heated and Almost Entirely Double Glazed. The Spacious Family Sized Accommodation Comprises- Integral Porch, Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room (Originally 2 Rooms), Large Extended 'L' Shaped Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Long Rear Garden with Large Shed/ Workshop (originally garage) and Paved Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£152,500**

Ireland Green Road, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A Spacious Detached House located within a sought after residential area. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Low Maintainance Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Integral Garage.
OFFERS IN EXCESS:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£139,995**

Sandfield Road, West Bromwich

Presenting a three bedroom semi-detached property benefitting from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. Property comprises of lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom with separate W.C, gardens to the front and rear with the added benefit of off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£110,000**

Stanway Gardens, West Bromwich

A Deceptively Spacious Mid Terraced House within a quiet Cul de sac. Excellent location for schools and transport links. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Integral Garage, Front & Rear Gardens and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£119,950**

Nelson Street, West Bromwich

A Modern Semi Detached Bungalow with an Excellent Location Ideal for Town Centre and Sandwell Hospital. No Upward Chain. Stamp Duty Exempt. Benefitting from Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£128,950**

Chamberlain Close, Oldbury

A 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow located in a quiet cul-de-sac location. The property is gas centrally heated and double glazed and has accommodation to briefly comprise a reception hall, 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, wet room, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden, off road parking and garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£130,000**

Palmerston Drive, Oldbury

A Delightful Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow with Conservatory to Rear. Solar Panel Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, 2 Bedrooms, Conservatory, Front and Rear Gardens and Large Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS IN EXCESS:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£129,950**

Farm Street, West Bromwich

An Impressive Semi Detached House, Fully Extended to Rear and Side with Footings in Place for a 2nd Storey Extension (subject to planning permission). Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Enclosed Vestibule, Lounge, Rear Lobby, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom with built in Shower Cubicle, Extended Kitchen, Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms, Rear Garden and Block Paved Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£149,995**

The Broadway, West Bromwich

Virtual Tour Now Available!!! A Fully Refurbished and Modernised and Extended Traditional Semi Detached House located within the popular Cul de sac of The Broadway. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden and Block Paved for up to 4 cars.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£129,950**

Ruskin Street, West Bromwich

A Modern Semi Detached with an excellent town centre location, close to local amenities, transport links and Sandwell Hospital. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Canopy Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner with Large Understairs Pantry, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Front & Rear Gardens with Motion Sensor Security Lights and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£135,000**

Millfields Road, West Bromwich

A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House Offering Spacious Family Sized Accommodation. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises, Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC and Front & Rear Gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£109,995**

Sheridan Street, West Bromwich

A Well Presented Mid Terraced House with Excellent Location for Sandwell Hospital, Dartmouth Park and Town Centre. Centrally Heated and Majority Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms (Bedroom 3 is off Bedroom 2), Good Sized Rear Garden with Paved Patio.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£99,995**

Church Lane, West Bromwich

A Recently Refurbished 3 bedroom Mid Terraced with 2 Reception Rooms and Extended Kitchen. Renovated to include- New Roof, Upgraded Central Heating, Refitted Kitchen, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, New Carpets Through out, Fully Redecorated Throughout. Viewing Recommended to be fully appreciated!
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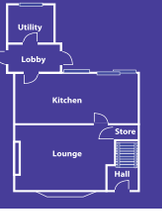

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- Double Glazing (As specified)
- No Upward Chain!

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Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Castleview Road Bilston — REDUCED

- A 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Private Garden to The Rear

OFFERS AROUND: **£55,000**
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Galahad Way Wednesbury

- Modern 1st Floor Apartment
- 100% Ownership
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£70,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

All Saints Road Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Lounge with cast Iron Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Crawford Avenue Darlaston

- 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double GLazing (where specified)

OFFERS AROUND: **£94,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Myvod Road Wednesbury — NEW

- An extended 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS OVER: **£105,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Canalside Close Wednesbury

- A Purpose Built 2 Bedroom First Floot Flat
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£65,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Peel Close Darlaston

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS OVER: **£80,000**
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Hobs Road Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Ideal First Buy/Investment

OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
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Wood Street Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- In Need of a Bit of Love!
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£80,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hall Street Wednesbury

- An Impressive Second Floor Modern Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Double Glazed, Electric Heating
- Open Plan Lounge/ Diner/ Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Wolverhampton Street Darlaston

- A Period 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Extended & Well Presented
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Osborne Drive Victoria Mews — NEW

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

William Green Road Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as Spec.)
- Generous Corner Plot
- Excellent Views

OFFERS OVER: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Woden Road East Wednesbury

- Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Walsall Street Wednesbury

- A Modern 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating (condensing combination boiler)
- Double Glazing
- Great First Time Buy

OFFERS OVER: **£110,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Brunswick Park Road Wednesbury

- A Period 2 Bedroom End Terrace (with useable Loft Space)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Well Presented

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Waldron Close Wednesbury

A modern 2 bedroom starter home. The property is in a quiet cul-de-sac location and is offered with no upward chain. The accommodation, as well as being double glazed (as spec.) and having electric storage heating, briefly comprises a reception hall, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Oaktree Road Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Corner Plot
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS OVER: **£110,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Moxley Road Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified.)
- Reception Hall

OFFERS OVER: **£110,000**
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Walnut Lane Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Reception Hall
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£114,995**
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Yew Tree Lane Wednesbury

- 2 Bedroom Semui Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (where specified)
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£119,995**
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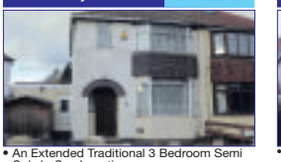
York Crescent Wednesbury — NEW



- An Extended Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Vimy Terrace Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Quiet & Secluded Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£120,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Church Hill Wednesbury — NEW

- A 3 Double Bedroom Semi Detached with 2 Storey Extension
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Popular Location & No Upward Chain
- Reception Hal with Feature Open Plan Staircase

OFFERS AROUND: **£124,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Manifold Way Wednesbury

- A Quirky & Characterful 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Occupying a Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hydes Road Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as spec.)

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Hodgkiss Close Wednesbury

- A Modern 4 Bedroom Executive Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£235,000**
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St Peter Croft Wednesbury

- A Modern 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in Private Driveway
- No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£220,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

5a Hollies Drive Wednesbury

- An Edwardian 3 Bedroom But Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Original Sash Windows (as specified)
- Many Original Features
- Cul de Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£190,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Woden Road East Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- No Chain!
- Excellent Commuter Links

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Church Hill Wednesbury

- A Traditional & Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- Retaining Many Original Features
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£170,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Longmore Street Wednesbury

- A Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-deSac & Sought after Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£130,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Tame Avenue Wednesbury

- Extended Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Reception Hall
- Lounge & Sitting Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£145,000**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Knowles Street Wednesbury

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£149,995**
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Chestnut Road Wednesbury

- A Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Popular Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£150,000**
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NEW

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LUDGATE CLOSE
- Modern three bedroom detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen and utility
- Conservatory
- Garage and driveway
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

£174,995

NEW

TIPTON
WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
- Modern four bedroom and terrace
- Lounge and breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage to rear
- Rear garden

£159,995

NEW

TIPTON
DOVECOTE CLOSE
- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

£149,995

NEW

TIPTON
BERTRAM CLOSE
- Extended three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Extended sitting area
- Laundry Room
- Majority double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Rear garden

£134,995

NEW

TIPTON
SEYMOUR ROAD
- Extended two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Extended dining room/bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage
- Block paved driveway
- Rear garden

£129,995

NEW

TIPTON
WOODARD ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and off road parking
- Substantial land to side
- Rear garden

£99,995

NEW

TIPTON
CONEYGREE ROAD
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- First floor family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Front and rear gardens

£85,000

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
TRINITY HOUSE, FLORENCE ROAD
- Ground floor one bedroom apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Comunal gardens

£54,995

NEW

TIPTON
AVERN CLOSE
- Top floor one bedroom flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Storage heating (where specified)
- Allocated car parking space
- Communal gardens

£54,995

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
MASON STREET
- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

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- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and electric heating (where specified)

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TIPTON
BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD
- Three bedroom traditional detached
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory, study
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Off road parking
- Detached garage to rear with access for small car
- Large rear garden

£254,995

COSELEY
SOUTHALL CRESCENT
- Four bedroom detached dormer bungalow
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Four double bedrooms
- En suite and family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
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- Still under NHBC guarantee

£225,000

ROWLEY REGIS
POWKE LANE
- Modern four bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen and utility
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage and driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£214,995

TIPTON
ALISON CLOSE
- New build four bedroom detached
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility room
- Downstairs WC, en suite to master bedroom, family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Separate garage
- Front and rear gardens

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HODGES DRIVE
- Modern four bedroom detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen and utility
- Downstairs WC, en suite to master bedroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage, driveway
- Front and rear gardens

£199,995

TIPTON
THE SQUARE
- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Downstairs WC, first floor bathroom plus en suite
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking with garage to rear
- Rear garden

£154,995

OLDBURY
ASCOT CLOSE
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double glazing
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road prking
- Front and rear gardens

£129,995

TIPTON
BERTRAM CLOSE
- Extended three bedroom mid terrace
- Dining room and extended lounge
- Extended kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking to rear
- Hard standing area to front
- Two garage

£129,995

TIPTON
DAVIS AVENUE
- Extended three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and extended kitchen
- Extended family room and downstairs WC
- Majority double glazed and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Rear garden

£114,995

TIPTON
OCKER HILL ROAD
- Three bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Lounge and kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom plus separate WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Driveway and rear garden
- In need of general upgrading with huge potential

£114,995

TIPTON
CLOVER PIECE
- Two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Allocated parking
- Front and rear gardens

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TIPTON
SANDGATE ROAD
- Two bedroom semi detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- First floor bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Off road parking to the rear
- Front and rear gardens

£74,995

TIPTON
CARNEGIE AVENUE
- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Allocated parking
- Front and rear gardens

£74,995

TIPTON
PARK LANE WEST
- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- First floor bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Rear garden

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WEST BROMWICH
BIRMINGHAM ROAD
- One bedroom second floor apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- Communal parking
- Communal gardens

£57,950

WEST BROMWICH
HEREFORD PLACE
- First floor one bedroom flat
- Lounge
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garden

£52,000

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WEDNESBURY
WODEN ROAD EAST

- Detached
- Three bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/dine kitchen
- Front reception room
- Family bathroom
- Separate rear annexe
- Off street parking
- Alarm system

£200,000

WEDNESBURY
ELWELL STREET

- End terrace town house
- 3 bedrooms master bedroom having ensuite
- Dressing room
- Lounge & conservatory
- Fitted kitchen
- Garage & drive
- Enclosed rear garden

£129,950

WEDNESBURY
CHURCH HILL

- Extended traditional semi
- Three double bedrooms
- Through lounge/diner
- Extended fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden & patio
- Viewing highly recommended

£124,995

WEDNESBURY
PARK LANE

- Period semi detached
- Generous bathroom
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas c-heating & d-glazing
- Lounge & dining room
- Rear garden with patio
- Fitted kitchen
- Off street parking
- Viewing essential

£129,950

WEDNESBURY
CHESTNUT ROAD

- Semi detached
- Gas central heating
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Lounge diner
- Delightful rear garden
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Off street parking

£134,950

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE

- Extended detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Utility room
- Lounge dining room
- Delightful gardens
- Conservatory
- Off street parking

£154,950

WEDNESBURY
HOBS ROAD

- Detached bungalow
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms & loft room
- Side garage & drive
- En suite wet room
- Gas & solar heating
- Family bathroom
- Delightful rear garden

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THE BANTOCKS

- Three bedroom detached
- Popular location
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Garage & drive
- South facing generous rear garden
- Room to extend
- Viewing essential

£164,950

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- Traditional Five Bedroom Detached House Being Close to Midland Motorway Networks and Local Amenities
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WEST BROMWICH
GORDON AVNUE

- Spacious mid terrace
- Delightful rear garden
- Three bedrooms
- Utility room & porch
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Viewing recommended

£109,950

WEDNESBURY
DARBY ROAD

- Semi detached
- Ext lounge/diner
- Two double bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bath/shower room
- double glazing and central heating
- Conservatory
- Off street parking

£94,950

WEDNESBURY
JOHNSON ROAD

- Semi detached house
- Ample off street parking
- Three bedrooms
- Delightful rear garen
- Lounge/dining room
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Viewing recommended

£99,950

DARLASTON
HUGHES ROAD

- Spacious mid terrace
- Four good sized bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas c heating
- Double glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Parking

£112,950

WEST BROMWICH
WESTMINSTER ROAD

- Refurbished semi detached
- Newly refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- New gas central heating
- Newly refitted bathroom
- Rear garden & d glazing
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Viewing highly recommended

£109,950

WEDNESBURY
PARKDALE AVENUE

- Three bedroom semi
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Off street parking
- Three good bedrooms
- Sought after area
- Viewing essential

£129,950

WEDNESBURY
WIGGINSMILL ROAD

- Superior detached bungalow
- Enlarged garage
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazed
- 22' Conservatory
- Central heated
- Large lounge
- Viewing essential

£184,950

WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE

- Two bedroom detached bungalow
- Entrance porch
- Lounge and fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
- Garage, driveway and off road parking
- Front and rear gardens

£134,995

WEST BROMWICH
BEDFORD ROAD

- Detached bungalow
- Double glazing
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Fitted kitchen
- Parking & enclosed garden
- Generous conservatory
- Viewing highly recommended

£154,950

WEDNESBURY
PARK STREET

- Extended semi detached
- Downstairs cloaks
- Four bedrooms
- Parking
- Three reception rooms
- Enclosed garden
- Ext kitchen
- Shower room
- Bathroom

£149,950

WEDNESBURY
WHARFDALE STREET

- Mid terrace
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Lounge
- Double glazing
- Dining room
- Enclosed rear garden

£84,950

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE

- Mid terrace
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Double glazing, gas heating
- Dining room
- Parking

£84,950

WEDNESBURY
HOBS ROAD

- Semi detached
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Generous corner plot
- Through lounge dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas heating & double glazing
- No upward chain
- Viewing recommended

£119,950

WEDNESBURY
SHELDON AVENUE

- End of terrace house
- Three bedrooms
- No upward chain
- Lounge & fitted breakfast kitchen
- Landscaped rear garden
- Off street parking
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing

£113,950

WEDNESBURY
CINDER WAY

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Parking
- No upward chain!

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£89,950

CITY ROAD,TIVIDALE

•NO UPWARD CHAIN• A Three bed-roomed semi-detached family home presented to a good standard and comprising: Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall leading to Living room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Garden to rear. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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Recently refurbished Lounge with patio doors leading to Kitchen
Kitchen decorated to a high spec with integral cooker
Extension to Utility Room
Downstairs bathroom with shower, WC and wash basin

Central heating as specified
Double glazing as specified
Alarm and CCTV

£550 PCM

Greenwood Avenue, Rowley Regis

A modern and well presented Semi-detached home offering: Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Bathroom, Rear Garden and off road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£550

CEMETERY ROAD, OLDBURY

A Two/Three Bedroom family home highly maintained to a good standard offering: lounge, dining kitchen, good sized conservatory, family bathroom, low maintenance rear garden and block paved drive to front. With double glaving and central heating where specified.

£115,000

DOULTON DRIVE,SMETHWICK

Pleasant, modern 2 bedroom mid-terrace property on the market at a reduced price, Comprised of 1 reception room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, conservatory, kitchen, off road parking and rear garden area. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. OFFERS INVITED FOR A QUICK SALE

GUIDE PRICE £99,950

Langley Green Road

A modern styled Three Bed-Roomed Semi-Detached property being in excellent and immaculate condition having been renovated throughout. Property comprises: Three Bedrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, Allocated Parking to front, Garden, Storage Heating where indicated, Alarm system, Double Glazing throughout.

£142,950

Mckean Road, Oldbury

This property is situated on a corner location of McKean Road, the downstairs accommodation is still the original shop front offering potential conversion into a separate flat (subject to planning etc). The Four Bed-roomed accommodation is accessed via the side, comprising: Four Bedrooms, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining, Central heating where specified, Double glazing where specified, and Court yard to side and rear.

£139,950

SELKIRK CLOSE, WEST BROMWICH

Traditional town house offering spacious family accommodation situated within this popular residential location. Part central heating and replacement windows. Providing entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, dining room, four bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom and separate toilet. Off road parking and established garden at rear. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£128,000

Fisher Road,Oldbury, B69 4EL

A Three Bedroomed Mid-terraced property which has been fully refurbished to a very high standard, benefiting from re-fitted Kitchen, re-fitted downstairs Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Two Reception rooms, Central heating and Double glazing where specified.

£107,000

Portway Hill, Rowley Regis,West Midlands

•••NO UPWARD CHAIN•••• A Two Bedroomed Spacious Mid Terraced Family Home comprising Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs Wc, Bathroom, Separate Garage and Off Road Parking to Rear, Central Heating and Double Glazing where specified, Front and Rear Gardens NO UPWARD CHAIN

£94,950

LANDSWOOD ROAD,OLDBURY

-Traditional semi-detached three bedroom house
-Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed
-Benefits from a spacious Through Lounge/Dining Room & Extended Breakfast Kitchen
-Two Double & one Single sized Bedrooms
-Fitted Family Bathroom with Mixer Shower
-Off Road Parking upon Driveway for two vehicles, single integral Garage to side & sizeable Patio with Enclosed Gardens to rear VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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Neatly maintained first floor apartment, presented to a high standard throughout, offering security intercom entrance, gas central heating, double glazing, and charming accommodation to include; lounge, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, two good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, bathroom, communal parking, ideal first time purchase, internal inspection, highly recommended.

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British-built Honda on sale from £21,395

HONDA'S new British-built CR-V is now on sale in the UK.

Prices start from a competitive £21,395 OTR for the entry level 2.0 i-VTEC manual S grade 2WD model and rise to £30,995 for the top-of-the range 2.2 i-DTEC EX AWD with manual transmission.

The introduction of the 2WD allows the new CR-V to enter the market with a lower entry price, thus broadening the sales potential for this model going forward. Honda has also improved the specifications through the whole of the range, whilst still managing to keep costs in line with the third generation CR-V.

The new, fourth generation CR-V offers even greater quality, practicality and refinement than its predecessor and with environmental concerns of increasing importance, both the 2.0 i-VTEC and 2.2 i-DTEC engines emit significantly less CO2. Plus, for the first time in Europe, the new CR-V will be offered with a choice of two- and four-wheel drive.

Customers still get the Tardis-like interior. With the rear seats in place the boot capacity is a spacious 589 litres and this extends to 1,669 litres when the seats are down.

The practicality is further enhanced by the addition of keyless entry and power tailgate (standard on EX trim level), which makes it easier for owners to further maximise the boot space.

The new CR-V will be available with four generously equipped trim levels S, SE, SR and EX.

Support

The entry-level S features 5in Intelligent Multi Info Display (i-MID), driver power lumbar support, idle stop, dual-zone climate control, cruise control, 17in alloy wheels, fabric interior, hill start assist, steering wheel stereo controls, USB/iPod auxiliary input, one-touch folding rear seats.

Plus a CD tuner and four-speaker stereo, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA), anti-lock braking system (ABD), electronic brakeforce distribution (EBD), brake assist (BA), trailer stability assist (TSA) and central locking.

The next trim level is SE which includes all the equipment found in S but adds a leather steering wheel and gearshifter, rain-sensing auto wipers, dusk-sensing auto lights, auto-dim rear view mirror, front and rear parking sensors, rear-view parking camera, one-touch power windows (also key fob operated), electrically folding door mirrors, six-speaker stereo, Bluetooth hands-free telephone, front foglights, tweeters and a CAT1 alarm

The next step up is the SR featuring half leather and Alcantara interior, heated front seats, ambient lighting for driver/passenger footwell and doors, premium audio, DAB Radio, colour-coded roof rails, privacy glass, Bi-HID lights with auto levelling, dynamic cornering lights, high beam support system, headlight washers, 18in alloy wheels, passenger power lumbar support and manual passenger seat height adjustment.

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Hybrid estate is likely to appeal to businesses

The new Peugeot 508 hybrid estate has recently been launched

PEUGEOT has launched its 508 hybrid estate and one sector of the marketplace that will be looking very keenly is the business segment.

It has been suggested that a huge percentage of the sales will not be to the people like me who write the cheque but to business users because the benefits in kind figures really are excellent.

Add low running costs and although expensive, the vehicle, should find many willing business users.

It is an electric hybrid with much lower benefit in kind figuresthan a pure diesel.

The new 508 is a seriously big car, and the HYbrid 4 is powered by a 163 bhp 2-litre diesel engine and also a 37 bhp electric motor, with an automatic type gearbox which should give reasonable performance and driving comfort.

However the gearbox to me was a bit sluggish.

It is possible to drive it in a sportier mode when you have instant performance from the diesel and the electric. You can also opt for a mode that just allows the electric motor to propel you for short distances in and around town and believe me this is seriously spooky because people do not hear you coming.

The looks on people's faces as you glide past in almost electric milk float style has to be seen to be believed.

The vehicle is big and it felt a heavy, substantial, solid vehicle. Never was it going to be a spirited performer on twisty country roads but it performed adequately and I always remember the phrase that Jaguar's designer told me when they launched the X-type estate some years ago, the only time you should know you are driving an estate is when you look over your shoulder and see the acres of room.

The vehicle is seriously refined and will be a rewarding vehicle for its discerning owner, running costs will be on the low side due to its low CO2 figures.

The downside for me without doubt is the list price of the vehicle; my particular 508 would cost £33,695 on the road.

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AS UK motorists continue to cut corners on car maintenance due to the economic pinch, GEM Motoring Assist, road safety organisation and breakdown cover company, is launching its winter driving campaign to increase awareness of the potential dangers on the roads, particularly as temperatures start to drop and conditions worsen across the country.

According to GEM, it is never too early to get your vehicle fully prepared for the wintery weather and the company is continuing to offer practical advice via its free winter driving leaflet.

Packed full of advice and checklists, the leaflet is a useful resource for motorists and aims to help prevent drivers from being a victim of a serious accident or hazardous breakdown situation during the winter period.

Last year, the company also launched a winter driving video, providing easy online access to its winter driving advice.

Featuring visual scenes on winter driving, the four-minute video highlights how dramatically driving dynamics change as the conditions worsen.

The video demonstrates how much more time and space should be allowed when driving in wintery conditions, as stopping distances increase tenfold and the slightest over-steering or braking can cause complete loss of control.

GEM chief executive, David Williams MBE, says: "Each year, we work hard to provide crucial information and advice to keep drivers safe on the roads. Carrying out the necessary checks ahead of the winter weather, and being properly prepared, could make all the difference between a safe journey and one that could potentially end in disaster.

Negative

"We know that tighter budgets and rocketing fuel costs have had a negative impact on motorists' car maintenance habits, as many see it as a low priority in these tough times, however, this lack of care will undoubtedly make cars less reliable, and driving an unsafe vehicle puts drivers, passengers, and other road users in unnecessary danger.

"Not only is it important for drivers to be ready for winter but they must also be aware of the changes in driving dynamics, which is why we created the online winter driving video. We hope that the combination of the leaflet and video will give motorists all the advice they need for a safe winter on the roads," David concludes.

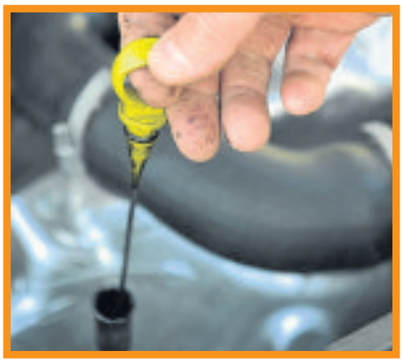
GEM's winter driving checklist:

1. Check that your vehicle is properly maintained and fully serviced.
2. Ensure tyres have plenty of tread depth, are in good condition, and correctly inflated (don't forget the spare).
3. Radiators must contain anti-freeze and also check that the cooling system is free from leaks.
4. Batteries must be in good condition (many garages/battery suppliers will carry out this check free-of-charge).
5. Ensure windscreen wipers and washers are working effectively.
6. Washer bottles must be full and contain anti-freezing/cleaning additive.
7. Clean all lights and check they are all working properly.
8. All windows and mirrors must be clean and clear from snow and ice before driving.
9. Keep fluorescent/ high visibility jackets in the car, in case of a breakdown situation.
10. Store extra clothes or blankets in the vehicle, in case of a breakdown.

● Download and a print a free copy of the GEM Motoring Assist 'Winter driving' leaflet at motoringassist.com/leaflets or call 01342 825676 for a hard copy. View the GEM 'Winter driving' video at motoringassist.com/motoring-advice/videos.

Take a few small steps to stay safe on the roads

Make sure that you get your vehicle prepared for the difficult conditions as winter approaches



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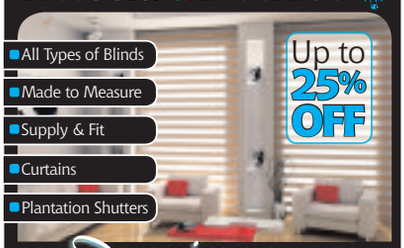
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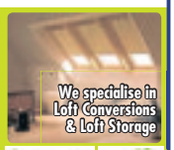
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Rangers rocked as Price is right

Wednesfield 3
Black Country Rangers 1

WEST MIDLANDS Premier leaders Black Country Rangers suffered a surprise defeat.

Wednesfield's young keeper Sam Arnold had to be alert to keep out a fierce 20-yard shot from Alex Hammond and then pushed a Liam Hughes shot onto the post.

On 35 minutes Wednesfield rocked the visitors by taking the lead.

Kieron Whittaker beat two players before his shot was blocked, but Ben Sanderson latched onto the loose ball and beat four players in the space of a few yards before lashing home his shot.

On the stroke of half-time Wednesfield made it 2-0. Wayne Price fastened onto a Thomas Horton pass to go on and score.

Hammond brought Rangers back into it with a 58th-minute goal to round off a good move.

But in the final minute Josh Carvel cleared a corner up to Whittaker, who ran the ball into the unguarded net to clinch the win for his side.

Gez gets going with first goal

Tividale 2 Loughborough Univ 0

TIVIDALE leap-frogged talented Loughborough University in the Midland Alliance after an emphatic win at the Beeches.

The home side played some purposeful football against a defence that held together well despite being twisted and turned by Alundo Lewis, who turned in his best performance after recently joining the club.

He went the closest to scoring for Tividale before the visitors began to enjoy their best spell of the game, which began with a stinging effort from Ebb Nelson-Add.

He then lost out twice when one-to-one with Tividale keeper Tim Beech.

The deadlock was broken in the 36th when Gez Mulholland sent a free-kick over the wall and into the net.

In the second half Richard Taylor should have scored from a corner but his header went just over the bar.

A minute later Tividale doubled their lead through a superb goal by the dangerous Kyle Brady.

Mike Watkinson, left, hands the trophy to Wednesbury skipper Dave Vincent

It's a starry night for Vincent

by Nick Elwell

MIKE WATKINSON was a big hit at the Staffordshire Clubs Championship awards dinner.

The former England and Lancashire all-rounder was guest speaker at the event at Cannock Cricket and Hockey Club.

After keeping more than 160 guests entertained with tales from his playing career Watkinson, who made four Test and one one-day international appearances for England, helped present the trophies.

Wednesbury thirds skipper Dave Vincent collected the award from Watkinson after his side won the Knockout Cup. Jem Stack, of Wightwick and Finchfield, took the honours for Performance of the Year, 227 not out against Hawkins.

Beacon had double success with Alan Green Clubman of the Year while Zac Smith took the Junior Performance of the Year award for his 102 not out as a 13-year-old in the Division Three game with Cannock.

Staffs Clubs awards

Division 1: Champions, Milford Hall. Runners-up, Pelsall. Leading run scorer, Adam Lawley (Cannock & Rugeley). Leading wicket taker, Todd Henderson (Milford Hall).

Division 1A: Champions, Hammerwich. Runners-up, Milford Hall. Leading run scorer, Matt Truran (Old Wulfs). Leading wicket taker, Alan Lett (Hammerwich). **Division 2:** Champions, Whittington. Runners-up, Walsall YPF. Leading run scorer, Greg Hunt (Whittington). Leading wicket taker, Jimmy Howarth (Whittington). **Division 2A:** Champions, Milford Hall. Runners-up, Codsall. Leading run scorer, Dan Kirk (Whittington). Leading wicket taker, Thusitha Dissanayake (Milford Hall). **Division 3:** Champions, Tamworth. Runners-up, Whitmore Reans. Leading run scorer, Zeeshan Qaisar (Whitmore Reans). Leading wicket taker, Alex Gray (Brewood). **Division 3A:** Champions, Aldridge. Runners-up, Hammerwich. Leading run scorer, Phil Poulsen (Springhill). Leading wicket taker, Matt Richards (Springhill). **Division 4:** Champions, Bloxwich. Runners-up, Codsall. Leading run scorer, Keith Culverwell (Old Wulfs). Leading wicket taket, Matt Jewkes (Codsall). **Division 5:** Champions, Bloxwich. Runners-up, Armitage. Leading run scorer, Allan Chuck (Whittington). Leading wicket taker, Ben Jones (Fordhouses).

Staffs Clubs Knockout

First XI: Winners, Milford Hall. Runners-up, Pelsall. **Second XI:** Winners, Pelsall. Runners-up, Milford Hall. **Third XI:** Winners, Wednesbury. Runners-up, Beacon.

Paul Humphries Memorial Trophy, Paul Hollinshead (Milford Hall). Luke Dovey Memorial Trophy, Tom Peace (Pelsall). Clubman of The Year, Alan Green (Beacon). Lifetime Achievement Award, Dave Smith (Milford Hall). Performance of the Year, Jem Stack (227 not out for Wightwick & Finchfield against Hawkins). Junior Performance of the Year, Zac Smith, aged 13 at the time (102 not out for Beacon against Cannnock). Umpire of The Year, Bob Evans.

Martin has a positive view over Brummies

GERMAN speedway star Martin Smolinski thinks Selco Brummies have many positives despite play-off heartbreak.

Smolinski says that although they lost to eventual Elite League Champions Swindon, making the play-offs was a massive positive and their improvement bodes well for 2013.

He said: "It's been quite a good year for Birmingham. Last year the club were not really near the top, and they made quite a lot of changes to the team for 2012.

"To start with it took a while for everyone to settle down and come together as a team. I think about halfway through the season everything started to get going and we had the team arranged well.

"We nearly made the play-off final. It was quite a shame we couldn't quite do it against Swindon, but looking back it was a pretty good year and I am quite pleased with it.

"I think looking back the way we worked as a team towards the end is a positive. If the club can do that straight away in 2013 then I think they can do well.

"My reserve partner Nico (Covatti) made a good impact since coming in as well. He's the man on the gas, he's a good boy and looks to have a bright future.

"I enjoyed riding for Birmingham."

Matthew's defeat was very costly

WEDNESBURY'S Matthew Dicken missed an automatic spot in darts' PDC world youth championships after first-round defeat.

Dicken paid the price for falling at the first hurdle of the final PDC Youth Tour event of the season, held at the K2 Centre, Crawley, last Saturday.

He did take Steve Haggerty to the last leg before bowing out 4-3 in an event from which he needed to win prize money.

The PDC youth order of merit end-of-season standings have been established and Dicken ranks joint 34th.

Players in the top 32 qualify automatically for the last 64 of the world youth championships next spring – and Dicken missed that by £25.

Just a routine victory for rocketing Albion

Albion 2 Southampton 0

BONFIRE NIGHT saw Albion continue their rocketing rise up the Premier League table.

Peter Odemwingie scored the goals and Youssouf Mulumbu ran the show as the Baggies moved to fifth with that rarest of commodities – a routine Premier League success, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

The pair led the way for Steve Clarke's side to remind The Hawthorns head coach just what he will be deprived of for a month should both depart for the Africa Cup of Nations.

But such worries are for another day. For the time being, Baggies supporters can simply revel in a wonderful start to a season that keeps getting better and better and could yet see them a long way towards safety before the pair depart for South Africa in January.

They survived a couple of Southampton scares as they ended a long Monday night hoodoo to keep pace with the leading sides a quarter of the way through the campaign.

Yet their victory over the Saints was among the most comfortable they have ever enjoyed in the Premier League as Clarke's men offered further evidence of their elevated position in the top-flight food chain.

Packing

There was a time not so long ago when every Premier League point Albion collected required maximum output from every area of their team. Such has been the progress made at The Hawthorns in recent years, the Baggies can now beat certain sides at 80 or 90 per cent efficiency.

Struggling Southampton are one such outfit and Nigel Adkins' limited team were sent packing by an Odemwingie brace and an Albion performance more than competent enough to make the Nigerian's goals count. In truth, Clarke's men rarely hit the attacking heights of their previous matches against Manchester City and Newcastle.

They played better against both City and the Magpies and lost. But while Bonfire Night lacked the same fireworks, it crucially delivered the points needed.

And with Mulumbu imperious in the heart of midfield, surrounded by countless displays of solidity from confident colleagues, Clarke's men were excellent value for their victory against a Saints side who must have reminded the Hawthorns faithful of the defensive naivety they became accustomed to from their own side under Tony Mowbray.

Their nerves were evident in just the second minute as Maya Yoshida slipped and handed cheap possession to Odemwingie, who fed the galloping Shane Long. But, as the Irishman bore down on goal, Jose Fonte slid in to make a crucial saving challenge.

The Saints were unhappy with a badly mistimed challenge from Billy Jones as his studs made contact with the lower back of Adam Lallana. The Baggies man escaped with a yellow card and a stern warning from referee Mark Halsey.

Ben Foster had to make a routine save from Rickie Lambert's angled drive but Albion continued to make the running and should have led on 20 minutes when Zoltan Gera spurned a glorious chance. He arrived unmarked six yards from goal to meet Odemwingie's cross-shot but side-footed over the bar.

Both teams might have broken the deadlock on the half-hour when Rickie Lambert sent a free header from a right-wing cross at Foster, who bowled it out quickly to spark a piercing counter-offensive. Odemwingie cut inside and let fly with a 20-yard shot that flashed just wide.

His insistence on trying his luck from distance was frustrating the home crowd but it paid off handsomely nine minutes before half-time as the visitors' painfully flimsy defence was exploited again. This time they gave Mulumbu time and space on the corner of the box to look up, assess his options and square for Odemwingie, whose 20-yard effort hit Yoshida and beat keeper Paulo Gazzaniga.

The Saints cried foul over Odemwingie's apparent handball in the build-up, but they missed several chances to stop the attack.

Albion should have lost the lead five minutes after the restart when a fortunate ricochet handed Lambert a superb chance but he crashed a shot against Foster's crossbar with the home keeper beaten.

Albion crushed Saints' spirit on the hour-mark as Odemwingie bagged his second goal.

The visitors' defending was dreadful as they allowed Long to race onto Liam Ridgewell's rudimentary clearance. From there, however, Albion's quality took over. Long delivered a brilliant left-wing cross into the run of Odemwingie, who charged away from Daniel Fox and stooped to head home.

Peter Odemwingie celebrates with Youssouf Mulumbu and Billy Jones

Peter Odemwingie tries a shot at Southampton's goal

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Improved showing taking on top team

Birmingham Barbarians 0
St Leonards 24

BIRMINGHAM Barbarians firsts put in a vastly improved performance, after last week's humiliation at Essington.

They pushed table-toppers St Leonards all the way before losing out.

Despite the scoreline, the match was in the balance for 70 minutes with just a single converted try by the visitors proving the difference between the sides.

Three tries late on were cruel on the Barbarians who fought valiantly.

The backs, well-marshalled by Dave Wilson, soaked up break after break with ex-Colts winger Luke Todd and Connor Francis contributing superbly to the defensive effort. The hosts had a clutch of excellent chances to score and had two tries disallowed.

The Barbarians second XV put in a spirited showing against Aston Old Edwardians in a 40-15 defeat.

No.8 Ben Gilbert crossed the whitewash after good work by the pack and James Shaylor notched a stunning try to keep the game alive.

Anyone interested in taking up rugby union is welcome at the Perry Barr-based club.

Training takes place every Tuesday evening at the Moor Lane Sports Centre. For more details, visit **www.bhambarbarians.co.uk**

World's best at Ballroom

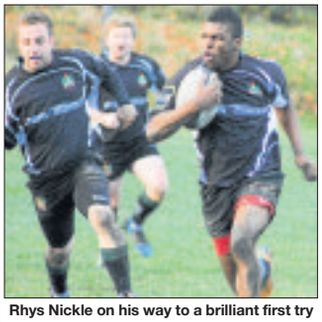
SOME of the world's best darts players are to perform at a non-televised event in Birmingham next month.

They include world No.3 James Wade, who recently reached the final of the Betfair World Matchplay, and five-time world champion Raymond van Barneveld.

The inaugural eight-man Carlsberg Masters will take place at The Birmingham Ballroom on Friday, December 7.

Wade and van Barneveld will be joined by Australian ace Simon Whitlock, former world champion Mark Webster and the Dutch duo Vincent van der Voort and Michael van Gerwen.

Former PDC under-21 world champion Arron Monk will also be on show, alongside two local qualifiers.For tickets, call 0121 320 2820 or book online via **www.theticketsellers.co.uk**



Rhys Nickle on his way to a brilliant first try

Keen contest despite scoreline

Wednesbury 31 Handsworth 5

WEDNESBURY beat local rivals in a game which was keenly-contested, despite the scoreline.

With both sides fielding weakened sides due to injuries the first half was a fairly even affair but Wednesbury led after five minutes.

Rhys Nickle, making his first team debut, ran almost two-thirds of the pitch evading desperate tackles to score. Tom Huggins added the conversion.

The game went into a bit of a lull, but minutes from half-time Wednesbury increased their lead with a penalty from Tom Huggins.

From the restart Handsworth caught Wednesbury on the wrong foot to score a try in the corner and cut the home side's advantage to 10-5 at half-time.

The second half saw Wednesbury come flying out of the blocks, Chris Handley driving over for his first try for the club, Huggins converting.

Wednesbury's pack took control and created a platform for the backs to attack in force.

Ten minutes into the half, Nickle finished off another storming run to get his second try, Huggins adding the conversion.

Five minutes later, scrum-half Mike Chivers crossed under the posts for Wednesbury's fourth try of the game, giving them a bonus point. Huggins added the conversion to round off the scoring.

Wednesbury's seconds beat Aldridge seconds 28-0 with Matt Dale getting two of their tries.

Wednesbury thirds had a narrow away win at Willenhall fourths, edging it 15-14.

At the weekend, Wednesbury travel to Old Leamingtonians for round three of the Midland Senior Vase (2.15pm).

'MALE MAN' READY FOR TITLE PACKAGE

CRADLEY'S punching postman Chris Male has vowed to "deliver" the English title in front of his home fans at Dudley's The Venue.

by Craig Birch

'The Male Man' tackles Leeds' Josh Warrington over 10 rounds for the vacant featherweight crown tomorrow night with both unbeaten.

The belt has not been contested for six years and Male has seen three previous title fights fall through. But now his big night is nearly here.

The 30-year-old has chased his shot for the past 18 months and has been out of the ring for 14 months, through injury and inactivity.

But Male feels he's still fighting fit and ready for the biggest fight of his four-year pro career, which has yielded 11 straight victories.

He said: "I feel the best I have felt, my fitness has just gone through the roof. My speed, sharpness and power are perfectly on schedule.

Pressure

"I have just got to hold it all now so, on fight night, I will be ready to go. Once the first bell goes, all of that frustration will go away.

"That's where I want to be, it's been a nightmare to get here and that belt has been all I have been thinking about for over 12 months.

"I will be a dangerous man, I have got to go out there and deliver. He's unbeaten, but put me in a pressure position and I will deliver.

"I feel fighters perform at their best when they are challenged and I know nothing less than my best will be good enough on the night.

"I will be at my best and I can't afford to lose this fight, so I will win."

Male twice lined up meetings with Joe Murray for the English title and was willing to box away from home each time in Newport and Bolton.

The whole bill was called off the first time against Murray last November and, the second time, in February, Male pulled out injured.

After recovering from a torn rotator cuff, a match with Jon Fernandes was booked for last month but was scrapped due to poor ticket sales.

Male said: "It's kind of ironic that the fight has ended up in Dudley, really it has worked out the best for me. It's the biggest fight around here for years.

"If I can bring this English title to Dudley, it would give the whole area a boost. The boxing world might start looking here then."

Male's stable-mate Jamie Ball, both trained by Dudley's Shaun Cooper at Coops Boxing Camp, Brierley Hill, retired this week with a back injury.

Coseley's Ball hung up his gloves while still the Midlands light middleweight champion and the Midlands Area Council's Best Young Boxer for 2011.

Tomorrow's event is a dinner show, but £30 passes can be bought just to watch. The meal tickets are £60. For details, call 01384 453104 or 07964 722736.

Boxer Chris Male says he is ready to deliver the English title at Dudley tomorrow

Lonsdale fight hope for Jason

JASON WELBORN could clinch a crack at newly-crowned British welterweight champion Frankie Gavin with victory at Wolverhampton Civic Hall this month.

Welborn was at ringside at the York Hall, Bethnal Green, to watch Gavin take the belt from Junior Witter – and the Black Country powerhouse hopes to get a shot at the Lonsdale belt next year.

He tops the bill on promoter PJ Rowson's show on Friday, November 30 having boosted his British-title claims by overpowering James Flinn and Scott Haywood with his heavy-handed, non-stop attacks in Midlands Area-title defences.

The decisive way Welborn won what looked like 50-50 fights has convinced manager Errol Johnson the 26-year-old from Rowley Regis is ready to step up to British-title level.

Johnson has already talked to Gavin's handlers about what would be a massive Birmingham v Black Country derby.

Welborn said: "I know it's a fight that people want to see. Ever since Gavin won the title I've had loads of texts from people saying: 'When are you going to fight him ?'."

Ryan out but is not disgraced

BLACK COUNTRY interest in boxing's ABA novice competition ended at the first national stage.

Ryan Wall of Wednesbury ABC was outpointed in the quarter-finals.

He lost by unanimous decision to Kyle Lomotey, of Astley VIP, at the Manchester Boxing Centre of Excellence.

They boxed off at 75kg in Class A – for fighters who have had 10 fights or under – on Sunday afternoon and Lomotey showed why he's undefeated in nine.

The area champions fought at close quarters and Wall didn't allow himself to be pushed around by Lomotey, who has had mostly his own way so far.

But Lomotey was the stronger although Wall displayed grit to deal with some heavy shots as he ran the favourite close for the first two of the three rounds.

Come the last session, Wall went all-out but came off worse in most of the exchanges as all five judges favoured Lomotey.

Wall did himself proud and didn't let his workrate drop as he had to settle for bowing out of the tournament as the Midlands title holder.

Sir Jackie will be show's star turn

TRIPLE Formula One world champion Sir Jackie Stewart will headline the celebrity line-up at the Autosport International Show at the NEC, Birmingham, in January.

He will be appearing on both public days, January 12 and 13, to talk about his career and the work of the Grand Prix Mechanics Charitable Trust.

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